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YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW

BY AVIS SWIGER

Dear Editor,

Could you give us mothers a little advice? I have three children and there is a problem on which I am very anxious to have some counsel. What do you think about Scouts—boys and girls? I want my children to have every good opportunity in life, but still I want them to live as Christians. Should they belong to the Brownies and Cubs, and later to Scouts?—L.G.

Dear L. G.,

It is a good idea to answer some questions for parents, too, and I am happy to discuss your problem.

The Scout organization in our country is based on the highest principles, and I am sure that in most instances it is carried out in accordance with its aims. A *good* scout is a good boy or girl. The scout oath speaks for the wholesomeness of the organization.

I am sure, however, that one would need to look into the local situation and make sure that the personnel of your area would uphold the high ideals of the Scouts. When it is properly looked after, Scouting can teach many useful things to our children—such as, self-reliance, love of nature, useful crafts, leadership ability and so forth.

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THIS WE RESOLVE . . .

THE NAME JANUARY came from the Roman god, Janus. Like this god who had two faces—one looking hindward and one forward—let us look backward and forward. However, this backward look is only to review our successes and failures so as to improve ourselves to be better workers for Christ during the new year.

Otherwise, the Christian should resolve to look faithfully forward. It was near the beginning of the forty-first year of their Wilderness Wanderings that the Lord commanded the Israelites to go forward, not backward and to cross Jordan. While looking forward Nehemiah was inspired, even to the extent of fasting and praying, to return to Jerusalem from Babylon and rebuild that city's walls, stemming countless adversities.

It was with such a perspective of the future that the writer of Proverbs proclaimed: "Without a vision the people perish." May God give us a vision to further His cause this year! Without a vision there will be no midnight prayers and no weeping Jeremiahs. If we dare fail to look trustingly forward and upward in 1963, we shall sit complacently until this babe of a year retires a worn-out old man, and we shall have done nothing. With no forward look our aims will be earthly, and not adorned in the least with attributes that make God's children fruitful Christians.

As we look forward we must also resolve to work diligently. The grave warning, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last," will be as true this year as in the past. Hence, we must make every minute of every day count for God. A week, a month, or a year past is irrecoverably gone. To what merchant or shopkeeper can you go and buy two weeks or three days from last year? Time is, and after that is never again.

We should resolve to spend time alone this year. Pascal had a famous saying that went: "Half the calamities of the world come about because men are not willing to sit still in a room." Have you considered that most great inventions were made by men while alone? Edison spent hours and days alone and then came forward with inventions which astounded the world. Bell devised the telephone not in the crowd but by himself. Andrew Mutch said, "And true it is that if a man does more acting than thinking, if he leaves no hour in his day, and no day in his week for calm, brooding thought, inevitably there will come a crash."

WHAT FOLLOWER OF the Nazarene can deny that to be truly victorious in life's warfare, we must spend time alone. In the bustle of this busy day we must resolve to spend at least a few minutes each day by ourselves seeking God in prayer, in thought, and in Bible study. The poet states:

"By all means use some time alone;
Salute thyself, see what thy soul doth wear;
Dare to look in thy closet, for 'tis thine own,
And tumble up and down what thou findest there."

We must resolve to intensify our passion for souls this year. We cannot afford to be nonchalant concerning unconverted souls about us. May God make us witnesses this year! The story is told of two young men who had been like David and Jonathan from their boyhood days to their college days, and from that time until they were lawyers together in a certain city. One of them was to take a trip around the world, and the other accompanied him to the seaport city. They were utterly unlike in one thing only; one was devoutly pious, and the other, though not a skeptic, had never become a Christian.

All along down on the train the Christian man said: "I will speak to him when we get to the hotel." He did not. When they stood on the dock, "I will speak a word when we are going down the gangplank." He did not. "I will spring upon the rail of the pier, just as the ship is swinging off, and speak then." He did not. The great ship turned her head out into the stream, and the two parted, and he had not said his Christian warning. Halfway around the globe that friend lost his life.

Now, in his beautiful library, that living man sits and looks up at his dead friend's picture and talks to him and says: "O Jonathan, my friend, I ask you to be a Christian! I pray you to be a Christian!" But the pictured lips make no reply. If you have a word of warning to say to a wayward friend, you had better say it this year. Nay, you had better speak today ere it be too late!

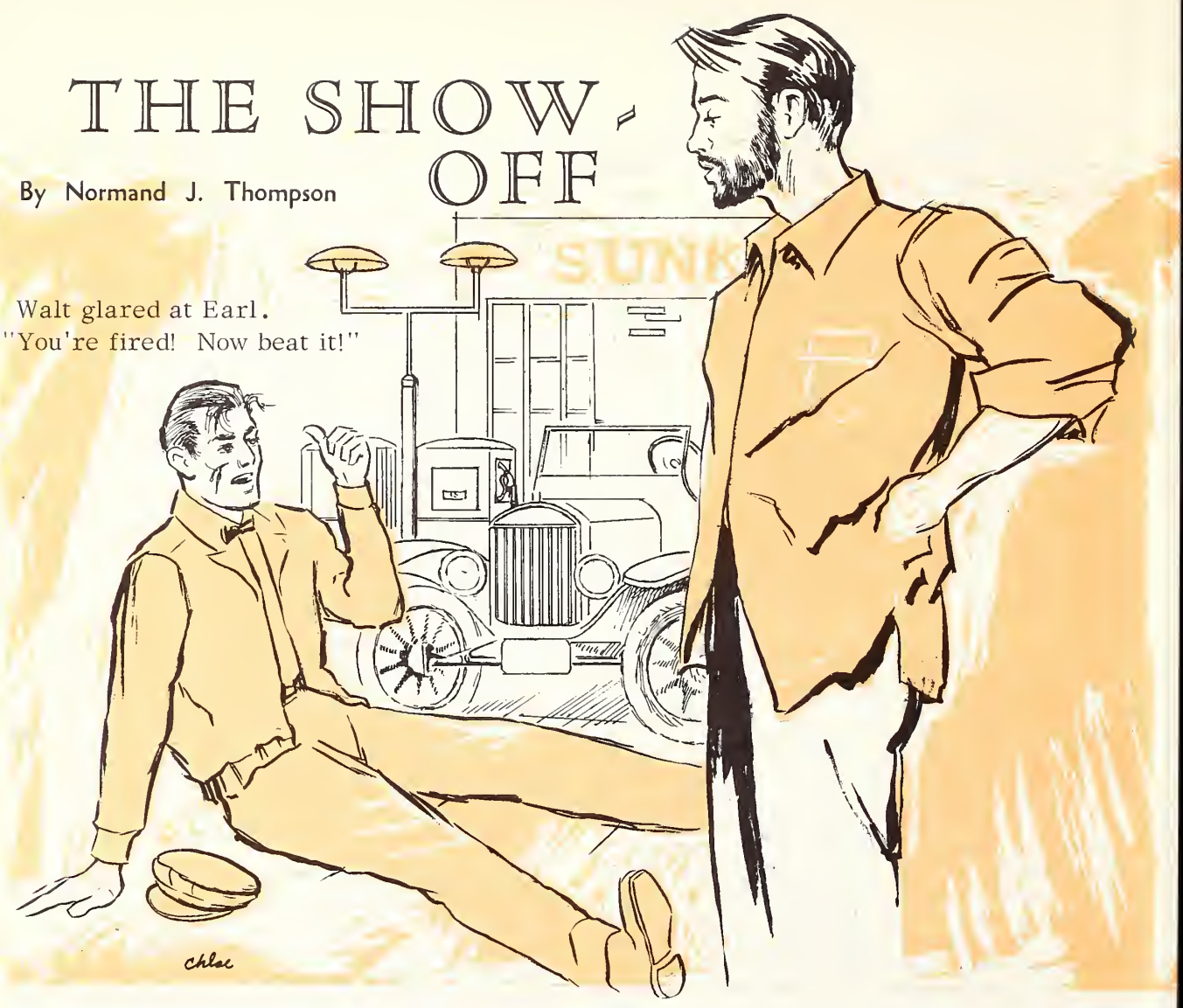
At the beginning of this new year we must resolve to anticipate the return of Christ. As we fervently fight life's many-sided battles, we shall keep our faith turned heavenward, expecting the Lord's coming, for the Rapture is upon us. This so-called space age is soon to change to the "tribulation age." Into this midnight of ungodliness and debauchery, Jesus, "the bright and morning Star," is soon to come forth, and the Tribulation is to follow this event.

As we resolve to look forward, to work diligently, to spend time alone, to have passion for souls, and to look for Christ's return, may the heavenly Father inspire us to work with all our hearts throughout this year or until He sends His Son for us.

Clyne W. Buxton

THE SHOW-OFF

By Normand J. Thompson



I'LL SEE YOU, Connie—right away!" Earl Cromwell hung up the phone and raced up the stairs to his room, taking them three at a time.

Grinning confidently, he combed his thick black beard. Just wait till Connie saw his beard that he was growing to help celebrate the town's centennial! He raced downstairs, to face his mother in the kitchen. "Mother, I want to get married!"

She glanced up at this six feet two of broad-shouldered manhood. "Marriage isn't something you jump into headlong, son. Marriage is sacred, ordained of the Lord." She was staring amusedly at his beard. "I'm afraid Connie would soon get tired of you always showing off."

"Biggest, blackest beard in town, says the *Tribune*," Earl grinned proudly.

"You're still a little boy at heart, Earl. I'd rather you graduated from high school before—"

"Oh, I can work extra hours at Sunkel's, to support a wife." Earl started for the door. "Connie's back from her vacation, and I'm going to ask her to marry me. 'By, Mother."

Earl wondered why his mother smiled. And he wondered again when his golden-haired Connie smiled at his proposal of marriage. Instead of the expected "yes," she said, "What happened—have you lost your razor?"

He stroked the silky bush on his chin, and led Connie to his waiting roadster. He muttered morosely, "Mother and you think I'm still in rompers, but this beard says I'm a man!"

Connie laughed. "You're cute, Earl."

He headed for Sunkel's service station, where he worked part time. It was a rendezvous for the teen gang, and he wanted to show off his girl. But as he parked by the red and blue pumps he found only his boss there.

"Hi, Walt! Connie's back from the beach. Have you ever seen a nicer tan?" Earl was fairly bursting with pride.

"Welcome home, Connie." Walt turned to Earl, and his voice was so polite it was frightening. "Those whiskers—I asked you to kindly shave 'em off. I told you some customers don't like to trade with a bearded Rip Van Winkle."

Earl swallowed hard. He needed his job, desperately. "I—I wanted Connie to see my beard. Besides, the *Tribune* printed my picture, so I just can't shave, Walt."

"O.K. No shave, no job." Walt walked away.

"You're jealous, because *you* can't grow a big, beautiful beard like mine."

Walt whirled. "Excuse me, but it takes more than a beard to make a man."

The words stung, though Walt spoke jokingly. Earl brushed aside Connie's restraining hand and flung out of his car. "Come on! I'll show you who's the better man!"

"Scat!" Walt flung a wet polishing cloth straight into Earl's beard.

Earl pitched the rag right back at him. Then for a while he was too busy to think about his job and about marriage. Around and around he went, sparring with Walt, trying to find an opening. For a big man, Walt was surprisingly agile. And he was laughing at Earl, which made Earl's blood boil. Actually, he didn't want to hurt his boss, only show him—

Ouch! Something that felt hard as a cannonball hit his whiskers and rocked his head back. He seized Walt by the arm and, using a simple judo trick he knew, threw him over his shoulder.

Walt slammed down on the concrete with a sickening thud. Groaning, he raised a hand to his face. Earl was horrified to see blood seeping between his boss' fingers. The sight of blood always made him feel sick and faint. He was glad to see Tommy Fielding's battered old sedan drive up. Tommy helped him raise Walt to his feet.

Walt glared at Earl. "You're fired! Now beat it!"

As Earl dejectedly got in his car, Connie demanded, "Just how do you intend to support a wife?"

Earl hung his head. Then he grinned defiantly, "Anyway, I showed Walt, didn't I?"

"Where'd you get that pile of junk?" There was challenge in Tommy Fielding's voice and in the way he was racing his motor.

"Say, this buggy will outrun anything on wheels."

"Says you," Tommy sneered. "I'll race you to the Snowflake Drive-in. Loser pays for malts."

Earl grinned. "It's a deal."

TOMMY'S CAR sprang from the service station like a race horse and streaked down Madison Avenue, with Earl close behind. Oh, that signal *would* turn red! But Tommy was stopped too. As the light changed, Earl shot forward.

"Slow down, Earl—please!" Connie pleaded, as he took a corner on two wheels.

"Relax, Connie! Nobody's calling *my* car a pile of junk. I'll show him!" Lincoln Road was deserted, so he smashed down on the accelerator, leaving Tommy far behind.

Suddenly, he heard Connie's cry, "Look out, Earl! That old man—!"

Too late, he noted the shambling figure stepping off the sidewalk. The old man, confused, darted into the street, then back. Brakes screeched. Tires screamed. Earl yanked frantically at the steering wheel. Swaying crazily, his car hurled across the road. It narrowly missed the old man and an oncoming truck. It slid down the embankment. With a sickening thud, it turned over on its side.

Earl shakily clambered out of the wreckage. Dazedly, he saw Connie's closed eyes, her deathly-pale face. Blood trickled down her arm and stained her white dress.

"You hurt, mister?" called the truck driver, as he climbed down the embankment.

"My girl—she's hurt," Earl gulped. "Looks like she's—dead. Connie! *Connie!* Say something!"

Her eyelids fluttered. With a great sigh of relief, Earl reached in and pulled her out of the smashed car. Then he clutched weakly at the car for support. Say, what was wrong with him, anyway? What made him drive like fury and hurt a nice girl like Connie? Marry him? If she'd never speak to him again, he couldn't blame her.

He strained to swallow a lump in his throat. "You—your're bleeding, Connie."

The truck driver wanted to take Connie to the hospital. Then Tommy came racing from his car, and Earl heard Connie say, "My arm is cut, is all. Please take me home, Tommy."

Tommy helped her into his car, and the truck driver left. "Come on, Earl," Tommy called. "You look a bit shook up, yourself. We'll come back later and tow in your wreck."

"Thanks, pal." Earl stepped into the car. Then he grinned, "I told you I could outrun anything on wheels."

Connie burst out crying. "I've been praying so hard for you, Earl. But I guess it's no use. You'll always be the same—a big show off."

"Once we're married, it'll be different. I'll settle down and—"

"I can't marry you, Earl. Never!" Connie sobbed. "Im sorry. I like you. I like you a lot. But—well, how could you pay rent and buy groceries? How could you—raise a Christian family?"

Earl hung his head. He didn't feel well. Maybe it was the blood soaking the handkerchief he held to Connie's arm. An old church song rang disturbingly through his head: *There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins—*

WHEN TOMMY parked in front of her house, Connie was still sobbing. "Good-bye, Earl. You're fun to go out with. And I think your beard is cute. But Mr. Sunkel is right. It takes more than a beard to make a man."
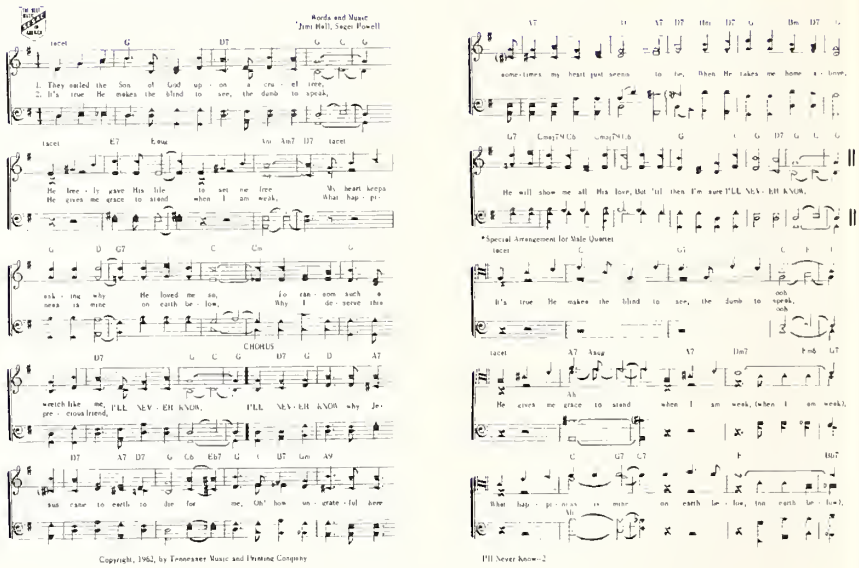
Later, after Tommy had towed in the wrecked car for him, Earl found it hard to face his mother with the bad news. In one evening, his whole world had crashed. First, he'd injured Walt and lost his job. Then he'd wrecked his car and hurt Connie. And now, the crowning tragedy, he'd lost Connie forever!

Just a few short hours ago, he was a man, with a beard to prove it, a self-confident man contemplating marriage. Now, all at once, he felt like a naughty little boy caught with his hand in the cookie jar. It was frightening!

Somehow, he managed to blurt out the whole dismal story. He ended tragically, "My life is ruined, Mother. And I don't know what to do."

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A SINGING CHURCH IS A SUCCESSFUL CHURCH



By Katherine Bevis

MUSIC IS A vital part of Christian growth because it is meaningful in worship and in Christian education. From the earliest years of childhood to the oldest years of senior citizenship, everyone should have the privilege of expressing his praise through song.

Every parent is interested in the growth of his child. He wants to see him develop physical strength, emotional stability, and mental alertness. Participation in music activities of the Sunday school and church will aid in an over-all balance in this growth. Even the little child through vocal praise and adoration in song receives inspirational values that contribute to spiritual growth.

The love of God is instilled in the young child's heart as he sings "Jesus Loves Me, This, I Know!" His little soul is blessed as he sings, "Jesus Bids Us Shine"; its words cause him to feel his importance of being a "candle" burning for the Master.

As children sing and listen to the beautiful old hymns which contain scriptural texts, doctrinal meaning, and focus on the Christian life, there is an outreach of the soul toward God.

Down through the centuries, men have been crying out for the Living God. Man needs something outside of himself to bring help in the time of distress. Many times this cry has been answered by the words of a meaningful old hymn or a beautiful gospel song.

In this world today there is no greater need than to learn more and to understand more about our Living God, who can bring us help in a time of need.

It would be difficult to pinpoint any one hymn or gospel song which would be considered the spiritual highlight of them all. Many of our best Christian hymns were penned by young people. One of these great old hymns, now more than a century old, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee," was written by Ray Palmer when he was only twenty-two years old.

Ray used these words to express the reason for the composition of this hymn: "No outer circumstances occasioned the inspiration for these words, for they were born out of my soul."

The very fact that great hymns have been wrought out of actual human experience gives them the great power which they undoubtedly exert upon the hearts of men.

In our congregational singing, in our choir, in our Sunday school classes, *let us sing!* Let us make of our beautiful old songs spiritual treasures. Let us teach our children the many beautiful choruses that tell them of God and His love.

MUSIC! SINGING! This is an important ministry.

Our Sunday school has now come to be regarded by many as the most indispensable institution in America. It is not an accessory agent but a vital part of the church and of our American way of life.

It is the one agency of our time that provides Bible teaching on all age levels simultaneously. May we, by God's help, make it also an agency that provides music and singing. Our world today is in the throes of a gigantic conflict for men's loyalties. May we as a church and a Sunday school dedicate ourselves to praise God in song, may we present the Word of God in song to our children and to our youth, and to a hungry world. In our little churches, in our great cathedrals and out under the open sky may we worship our heavenly Father in song.

Do You Say It? Think It?

"BUT MOM AND DAD ARE SO SNOOPY!"

BY GRACE V. WATKINS



Illustrated by Lonzo Kirkland

DO YOU BRISTLE (inwardly or outwardly) when Mother and Dad ask, "How much do you really know about this new date of yours?" or "Is your new date a Christian?" or "Just where are you going tonight?" or "Are you sure the crowd realizes we want you to be home by midnight?" or "Won't two dinners at Pine Inn be pretty expensive?"

If you positively suffer from the "snoopy" questions Mother and Dad ask, especially about your dates, don't conclude that your parents are the snoopiest in ten states or that you're a lone victim.

Instead, why not give some thought to the subject of *why* Mother and Dad ask these questions; see if you can discover the deep, underlying reasons for their queries. If you go into a huddle with yourself and do this, you'll approach your problem like a mature adult, rather than lashing out the way some girls and fellows do with reasons like these: Mother and Dad think I'm a baby. They don't trust me. They've forgotten how it feels to be young. They're determined to keep me tied to their apron strings. They think it's a sin to have any fun. They don't really love me.

A little quiet pondering will show you how childish these reactions are. And if, after your careful thought about the *real* reasons, you still are a bit at sea, there's one sure way to find out why Mother and Dad ask all these questions: ask them! Not with hands on hips and an expression that says, "now let's have this out," but in one of those heart-to-heart sessions that are a shining light of Christian faith.

Do you have family talk-it-over times at your house? If you don't, why not begin tomorrow? Talk things over calmly, quietly, with no accusations and no verbal bombs. Begin with prayer, show love and understanding. Families that have this sort of discussion find that at the end of the talk everyone feels a hundred per cent better.

As you listen to your Mother and Dad explain the "whys" of their questions, you'll sense their deep love for you and their desire for you to have happiness, success, and a wonderful Christian experience. Mother and Dad know that every date is a potential life partner, that a girl or fellow's life partner is one of the most important factors in the whole-life picture, that your marrying a Christian is vital. That's why they ask questions so often about your dating.

Before that heart-to-heart talk with Mother and Dad, here's something you can do that will pave the way for full understanding: make a list of ten questions you've asked your parents recently. Do any of *your* questions sound snoopy? Here are some you may find you've listed: Why do you have to use the car Saturday night? Am I going to get that brown jacket for my birthday? Why can't we have a new car this year the way the Smiths do? What happened to the budget that we didn't get the new rug? Why can't I have my next week's allowance early? (Have Mother and Dad ever told you that *you* ask snoopy questions?)

Incidentally, if you've been cogitating on how simply ducky it would be if you were in Gayle or Gregg's shoes (*their* parents never demand to know where they're going or with whom!), do some private sleuthing and get the whole picture of Gayle or Gregg's life before you do a lot of pining and yearning.

Could be you'll discover that those parents who can't be bothered checking up or asking "snoopy" questions are too busy hustling off to the Pink Lion Bar or a cocktail party. Chances are that Gayle or Gregg would give almost anything for the love, care, concern your parents feel and show; for the shining Christian faith you know.

Could be that, after your sleuthing, you'll humbly pray, "Thank you, Lord, for parents who care so much."



YOUR EDITOR LECTURES ABOUT THE "LIGHTED PATHWAY" AND SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

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AFTER A SMILE FOR THE PHOTOGRAPHER, WE SETTLE DOWN TO BUSINESS.

NSSA

By Clyne W. Buxton, Editor

On this page are portrayed some of the events of our National Sunday School Association (NSSA) denominational gathering. Meeting in the Conference Room of the Denver Hilton Hotel on Wednesday morning, October 10, 1962, we heard inspiring lectures on various facets of Sunday school and youth work of our church.

The Reverend Cecil B. Knight, our national director, led the two-hour meeting and was assisted by the Reverend Donald S. Aultman, assistant director, and by Mr. J. Martin Baldree, editorial assistant. The one hundred and ten delegates, almost all of whom were state directors, state board members, or state overseers, were challenged to "focus" on growth, training, improvement and youth in 1963.

After eating a delectable meal together at noon, we saw a stirring film concerning the importance of the pastor taking an avid interest in Sunday school. Following this we rushed to the opening of the seventeenth National Sunday School Association Convention.

A mid-winter NSSA convention will convene in Miami, Florida, January 22-24, 1963. The regular annual 1963 convention will meet in Buffalo, New York, in October.



The Reverend E. C. Thomas was elected this year as treasurer of NSSA; thus he became one of the four highest officers in the association. He was also selected as chairman of the Publishers Commission. His service to NSSA over the last several years has been a genuine asset to the organization and a credit to our church; he has represented us well.

Brother Thomas is publisher of all our publications and printing and has served in this capacity for the last eight years. He came to the publishing house from the pastorate of the Parkwood Avenue Church of God, Charlotte, North Carolina. Earlier he served that state as state director for five years. Being an ordained minister, he speaks in churches throughout the nation while visiting cities over the country on business trips.

Denver, Colorado, the mile high city, was host to the seventeenth annual National Sunday School As-

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sociation (NSSA) Convention. Hundreds of delegates from throughout the nation and a few foreign countries poured into this beautiful metropolis to attend the consequential event convening October 10-12, 1962, in the city auditorium.

With one hundred and sixty-eight workshops, four panels, a skit and five messages, this remarkable evangelical convention gave guidance in every phase of Sunday school and youth work. Members of numerous commissions went to Denver several days early to study different areas of Sunday school and youth activities and to lay plans for the future. An NSSA convention buzzes with activity as it presents methods of accelerating Christ's kingdom work.

These conventions were begun in 1945 by the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE) to promote and to expand Sunday schools in America. Surely God inspired NAE to start this Christ-centered association. NSSA is a service organization whereby churches throughout the nation benefit. This year in Denver delegates from seventy-two different denominations were in attendance.



BROTHER PAULK AND THE TENNESSEE YOUTH BOARD DISCUSS THE CONVENTION.



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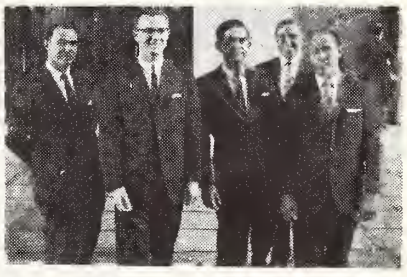
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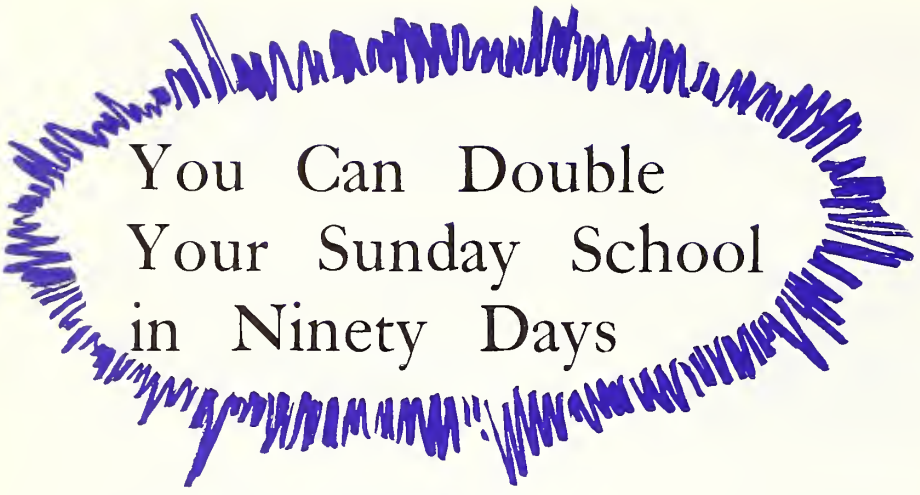
OHIO MINISTERS PONDER HOW TO PUT NEW IDEAS INTO ACTION.



THE LOUISIANA YOUTH BOARD GO TO A WORKSHOP.



HUNDREDS THRONG DENVER'S CITY AUDITORUM.



You Can Double Your Sunday School in Ninety Days

By Paul H. Holsinger

THERE IS A way to have a growing, thriving Sunday school in every community. All the pastor and the church need is a *new* vision of the possibility of the Sunday school.

The prevailing attitude among church people is: "Here's the Sunday school, a kind of necessary evil, we'll do the best with it that we can." This attitude is reflected among the teachers and even by the children themselves.

If pastors and teachers could see the tremendous possibility in the Sunday school, and their part in it, it could start a revolution in the church.

During the past forty-five years the Lord has enabled me to bring many Sunday schools into new life. And each time it was accomplished in an incredibly short time. Never yet have I failed to double the Sunday school in the first ninety days—and these were Sunday schools ranging in size from 35 to over 350. In most cases the attendance quadrupled.

For instance, the Bible Church of Villa Park, Illinois, won the first Christian Life international Sunday school contest in the fall of 1948—the same year I came to the church as pastor on September 15. While there the first letter I received came from the Sunday school superintendent who said: "Dear Pastor: I am resigning. I am going to another church. I have tried everything in the books. This situation is hopeless and the Sunday school is the worst of all. Goodbye."

Yet by the start of the contest—the last week in October—we had increased the attendance over sixfold! This was done by starting a contest immediately, and the last Sunday coincided with the start of the big Christian Life contest. After that, we made a big effort to conserve what we had gained and to hold the attention and interest of the children to the very end.

However, the momentum of this effort kept rolling on, and when the reward was given to us for the grand prize in January our Sunday school had increased ten times—1,000 per cent! I say this to prove that there is a way out of the doldrums which leads on to victory.

Believe me, this method will work anywhere. In a Sunday school with a membership of 350 it increased attendance to over 700 in ninety days. At another place the Sunday school jumped from seventeen to 240 in ninety days. In Los Angeles where dire failure had been prophesied, I had a 300 per cent increase in 60 days. This plan will work if you will work the plan.

Here it is. The *first step* is to give the teachers and congregation a new vision of the possibility of the Sunday school. The Sunday school is a sleeping giant on the steps of our churches. And there are seven reasons why it is the most effective evangelizing agency of the church:

1. It is interested in all ages and groups of people. The gospel message when carried by the Sunday school team brings into being the greatest evangelizing force ever assembled.

2. It is a self-evident teaching ministry. In this country some 40 million people are enrolled in Sunday school. What a pool in which to catch fish for the Lord!

3. The Sunday school has the organization for effective evangelism because it has a corps of trained teachers. My experience is that, if the gospel is properly presented, over 95 per cent of the children accepted the Lord Jesus in the first month!

4. The Sunday school is the ideal training institution for all the teachers. Make your teachers an army of workers to win souls.

5. The Sunday school offers a direct entrance to every home. Every child is an open door to the home. A pastor is always welcome in a pupil's home. He can go in and read the Bible and pray and urge the parents also to come to Jesus.

6. Every member of the Sunday school can be trained to win others. In one of our churches, in one year, the children led over 150 of their classmates to the Lord. Why? Because someone took the time to train them!

7. The Sunday school represents a tremendous recruiting station for Christian leadership in the churches. In this country it has been estimated that 90 per cent of those in Christian schools of higher learning came from some Sunday school where they received the vision. Nothing is so inspiring as to see children and parents constantly joining the church.

LUTHER SAID, "I take off my hat in the presence of little children for I may be standing in the presence of a future Apostle Paul." Amen. May the Lord give every pastor this new vision of the potential possibility of the Sunday school, and exploit it for its full value, to the winning of souls and the glory of God.

The *second step* is to organize the entire Sunday school for effective personal evangelism. This should be done from the super-

intendent down to teachers, assistants, and children themselves. The objective is to train all your personnel for effective evangelism. It will pay off big.

The *third step* is to realize that the class is the basic unit of operation. Each teacher, each class and each department should be revitalized with this new concept. The teacher is the key to the operation of the plan. The teacher should be actually inspired with the tremendous position which he has and needs to be utilized. There is no need to be an uninteresting teacher today. Take advantage of all the aids that are at your disposal.

The *fourth step* is recognition and reward. Faithfulness should be recognized. Achievement should be rewarded. The Lord offers to us these rewards—the crown of rejoicing, crown of glory, incorruptible crown, etc. And I believe in securing these rewards. If the church does not have the money, then go to the stores and ask storekeepers to contribute good prizes. During the opening exercises in the departments is a good time to present such awards. Make much ado about this because it is a big thing in a child's life.

The *fifth step* is to take advantage of all the helps, tracts, literature, books, etc., that are available to keep your Sunday school abreast of the times. Your denomination will have a number of helps which you can use. There are all kinds of visual aids, motion pictures, still pictures, and plaques available. You should also get the church to set aside money for a Sunday school workers' library. Keep your teachers informed about the helps and the books.

You should make a thorough study of the vast field of Sunday school literature. From it you will get valuable help, suggestions and a new vision. Above all, make sure that you have Bible-centered Sunday school literature to give out. If your denomination does not have such, get it from independent publishers who do.

In the *sixth place,* plan to conserve the harvest. If children accept the Lord, then recognition should be made of this. Each child that has made such a decision should have special instruction. It is their due and heritage to have special attention given to them. Baptism and church membership must also be considered. So from the cradle roll to the young people, the alert pastor should be quick to note any sign of spiritual advance on the part of the children. He must help conserve spiritual growth and promote it to deeper channels. This is an area in which the teachers can be a vital force.

In the *seventh place* all kinds of contests appeal directly to the competitive instincts of our youth. We Americans are taught from the cradle to the grave to live on competition. Contests use this instinctive appeal.

The contest idea develops class loyalty. Each class has a number on the pony, boat, auto or space ship. Progress is made by points—points for being on time, for bringing a new student, for bringing a Bible, for memorizing Scripture and for class preparation. Use the contest to get spiritual results.

There are ways of conserving interest by the contests. Do not let interest sag. Keep it at the highest point of fever heat. Open the Sunday school on time, have a rousing song service, and keep the children on their toes by an interesting presentation. A few minutes should be given to the mechanics of the contest. Points gained by the various classes should be announced after having been worked out ahead of time. Then class recognition should be given and awards made.

A further point should be considered. Be sure you organize your Sunday school before you start your contest. Make a chart of your church—how many are in each class and where the classes are held. This will save a lot of confusion when a number of new ones attend. You can double your Sunday school in ninety days if you follow the plan that I have outlined for you. Don't wait. Start in right now.

DOUBLE YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL

By CECIL B. KNIGHT, National S. S. and Youth Director

You can double your Sunday School this year, in two years, or in this decade! The Church of God must continue to grow! The Sunday school is the gateway to growth. In this *decade* of *destiny* the Sunday school must *DOUBLE* ITS:

Enrollment: What is the membership of your Sunday school? Do you know who attends, including name, address and spiritual status?

Attendance: Make your Sunday School growth conscious! Every Sunday school should experience a 10 per cent increase per year or more!

Organization: Enlarge your Sunday School organization for growth. Special emphasis should be put on the Cradle roll, Nursery, and Extension Departments. Use the book, *How to Enlarge Your Sunday School,* by J. Martin Baldree.

Training: Every staff member of the Sunday school should be trained for the task. Plan to conduct a special week of training using the current Workers' Training Course, *Dynamics of Christian Discipleship.* Offer training for new teachers throughout the year.

Evangelism: Every church should have a "Bible-centered, soul-winning Sunday School." The Sunday School goal for 1963 is "Every Sunday school worker win 3 in 1963." Think of it, over 75,000 souls! It can be done! Let's pray, plan and promote evangelism in the Sunday school.

The Church Must Not Forget—

ALL CONDITIONS ARE . . . GO!

BY CLAY COOPER, PRESIDENT
Vision, Incorporated

"Afterward he appeared . . . And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," Mark 16:14, 15.

PEOPLE THE WORLD around wait with bated breath for the magic word from Cape Canaveral. During the tense moments at lift-off, the superstitious cross their fingers and the godly say a prayer. Everybody is caught up in the ear-splitting surge of power which hurls a man skyward toward outer space. Suspense lessens, and pulse rates drift back to normal, only after four words come crackling over the ether waves . . . "All Conditions Are . . . *GO.*" Anxiety then gives way to jubilation.

As if their united voices were needed to help propel an astronaut into orbit, men and women of every hemisphere pick up the chant and in their own languages and dialects, shout, *"Go! GO! GO!* That one syllable seems to summarize the universal emotions and wishes of the moment.

Borrow NASA's electrifying, newly-coined phrase and apply it to the spiritual realm: "ALL CONDITIONS ARE . . . *GO*!" That two-letter word appears no less than two hundred fifty-two times in the twenty-seven books of the New Testament, with one hundred fifty-two of the usages attributed by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John to Christ Himself. *Went*, the past tense of *GO,* is repeated three hundred forty-nine times.

With Jesus Christ, all conditions were . . . *GO!* He was peripatetic too. The greatest sentence-biography ever written described Him perfectly . . . "He *went about* doing good." So, it is not to be wondered at that He so frequently used the word *go* to help move others on course. It was a watchword embodying a principle, a guide to action.

"Go work." "Go seek." "Go quickly." Each was His command. His beneficiaries found they could not be static, remain in equilibrium, or act by mere weight without motion. "Go forth," "Go show," "Go call," kept His hearers in movement. On one occasion He would be heard saying, "Go preach." On another it was "Go teach" or "Go tell." All conditions were . . . *GO!*

To a former adulteress, now forgiven, He said, "Go, and sin no more." Bystanders at the tomb of resurrected Lazarus were commanded, "Loose him and let him *go*." When He dispossessed a demoniac, He ordered the evil spirits to "*GO,*" and then followed through by instructing the redeemed man, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord has done for thee." His disciples He ordained to "go and bring forth fruit." All conditions were . . . *GO!*

The original Twelve were commissioned, "Go, to the lost sheep of the House of Israel." Later Christ appointed the additional Seventy, whom He sent two by two into *every* city and place. This was a larger authorization. "Go your ways," He told them, "for the harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few." *GO* has always been an important part of *GO*spel. Merely hyphenate the word, adding another letter, and it seems to automatically flow, "Go-*spell* out redemption to all people."

As before Christ's death, it was even so after His resurrection. The word was still . . . *GO!* "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature . . . teach all nations. As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." And then He went away. "He was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight." But, all conditions were still . . . *GO!*

Following His ascension, Christ reappeared with the very same word on His lips. He was seen by Saul of Tarsus (turned Paul, Apostle to the heathen,) and heard saying, "Go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do." Quite simultaneously, a devout man, Ananias, enjoyed the same post-ascension visit, the Lord instructing him, "Go into the street called Straight, and enquire for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth. Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles."

Before and after Christ's passion, and even following His glorification, all conditions were . . . *GO.* The message and the direction were the same whether Christ appeared in person to enunciate them, or dispatched an angel with the word.

ON ONE OCCASION the imprisoned Apostles were released by an angelic deliverer, who also commissioned them, "Go, stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this life." Once again, the angel of the Lord was sent, this time to Philip, with the message, "Go toward the South." Having arrived, the Holy Spirit instructed him, "Go near, and join thyself to this chariot (of the eunuch)." It was this same Spirit who directed Peter to leave the Joppa roof top, and accompany the inquirers to Caesarea. "Get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing."

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RAINY DAY FUN

A Story for Children

By Julia R. Davis

GRAY RAIN STREAKED down the window panes. There was a steady "pitter-patter" on the slate roof, and a steady "trickle-trickle" from the rain spout at the corner of the house.

The twins, Peter and Patty, stood at the window looking out. Both faces looked as gloomy as the weather outside.

Mother sat nearby sewing, making Patty a new dress. She saw the frowns on their faces, but didn't say anything. She knew why they were so unhappy.

"I don't see why it had to rain today," sighed Patty, "just when we had planned to go to the country. I want to see Tommy and Jane's new pets. Do you think the rain will stop in time for us to go, Mother?"

"I'm afraid not," said Mother, "but you can go to the country another day. Get out your new puzzle and other toys and have a good time here at home."

"Oh, we played with everything we have this morning. I hate rain," Peter exclaimed. "We would have had such a lot of fun in the country."

"I am tired of everything we have to play with indoors," pouted Patty. "I wanted to see Tommy's pet rabbits, and their new kittens."

"Let me think a moment," said Mother. In a short time she said, "I have an idea."

"What is it, Mother?" Peter and Patty asked.

"Peter," Mother told him, "go to the kitchen cabinet. On the top shelf you will find a roll of white paper. Cut off a piece, about so long," and she held her hands about a yard apart. "Patty, go and bring your two pairs of scissors and the pot of library paste."

WHEN THEY RETURNED, Mother had put several magazines on the table in front of the window. "You can sit at this table," she said. "These are farm magazines, and in them you will find pictures of everything you would find on a farm. Cut from these magazines the pictures of all the things you would find at Uncle Jim's farm. Then paste them on the sheet of paper."

"That will be fun!" Patty exclaimed. "First, I am going to find pictures of a man and a lady to be Uncle Jim and Aunt Mary."

"I think we should find a house, and paste it on first," Peter suggested. "They can be standing in front of it."

"Yes, that will be a good beginning," Patty agreed, and they were soon so busy they had forgotten it was raining.

They had just finished pasting the last picture when Daddy came home from work.

"Look, Daddy, at our farm pictures," they told him. "We could not go to the country this afternoon, so Mother showed us how to bring the country to us."

"All of the things we pasted on this paper are at Uncle Jim's farm!" exclaimed Peter.

"I don't believe you have missed many things," said Daddy, looking at the sheet of paper. "Uncle Jim and Aunt Mary, Tommy and Jane, the flowers. Then you have the cows, pigs, chickens, dog, kittens, and the white rabbits. You must take this to show Uncle Jim and his family the next time you go out."

"We were unhappy when it rained and we missed our visit," said Patty, "but we have had a good time here at home."

"Don't forget that these rainy days that you don't like, are what is needed to make everything grow. If God didn't send rain nothing could live. We should be thankful for these showers, and realize that God is taking care of us as well as everything that grows," Daddy told them.

"We will remember that rain is a blessing, Daddy," said Patty, "but I hope it won't be long before we can visit the country on a bright day."



Douglas LeRoy, Bath, South Carolina: Do you know what you want in life? Where are you going, and why do you want to go there? What is your goal in life? These are some of the questions that ran through my mind the night of graduation. I realized that everyone must have a goal in life and strive to attain it.
People have different goals. They may be educational, spiritual, or vocational goals. All are important. As I prepared a resumé of my life, I knew that I had a goal in life which I wanted to reach. The goal was not one that I decided upon in my dreams, but it was given to me by Jesus: *I want to go to heaven.* To help me reach my goal, I am attending Lee, presenting my life as a yielded vessel into Christ's hands. I want Him to lead me and to guide me in His footsteps. Are you doing your best to attain your goal in life? I am. My daily prayer is: "Lord, I surrender all my earthly goals to Thee, that I might reach my heavenly one."

(Doug is president of the Lee College student body)



Tannis Alford, Charleston, South Carolina: I feel that a career in teaching fits best with my desire to be of service to others as well as with my desire to be a good homemaker. My desire to be a teacher began when I was given a primary girls' Sunday School class to teach. I was uplifted so much by the joy in their expressions when they learned about God that I was made to realize more fully the important role a teacher plays in the lives of her students. With God's help, I am here at Lee seeking to reach the goal of making my life useful.

(Secretary to the Dean of the Junior College)



Shirley Bridges, Chattanooga, Tennessee: You must have heard the old saying "Early to bed, early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise." In a sense this can be applied to life at Lee. We may not go to bed so early but we rise early enough. Lights are out at eleven o'clock on week nights and at twelve on weekends. The wholesome recreation, activities and food combine to make us a healthy group. Who can say that college students are wealthy? We may not have material wealth, but we certainly are wealthy in spirit. All activities are under Christian leadership. We have wonderful chapel services with the mighty moving of the Spirit of God.

Wisdom can't be left out, for we study at Lee.

Yes, we have a well-rounded program at Lee—spiritual, recreational, educational and personal.



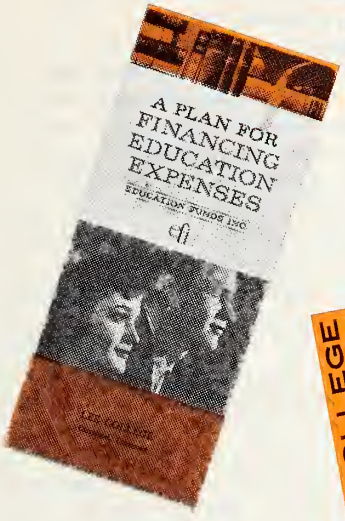
Betty Byrd, Lakeland, Florida: The spiritual aspect of life has been the most motivating force behind my stay at Lee. Nowhere could you find comparable knowledge for the mind while educating the soul, food for energy while feeding on God's love, exercise for the body while exercising your faith.



Walter Goff, Columbus, Ohio: As far back as I can remember, I've always known what I've wanted to be. Of course, it has changed a dozen or so times, but at least I've always had a goal.
Starting about in the first grade, which I enjoyed very much, I thought going to school the rest of my life would be very pleasant.
Somewhere along the way, probably about the third or fourth grade, I thought maybe teaching was meant for me. Not thinking too much about it, my mind suddenly changed in the sixth grade. Miss Brown, my teacher for that year, was quite a horror and just the opposite of an ideal teacher. In junior high I had all sorts of ideas, anywhere from being a missionary to the Fiji Islands to becoming a circus performer.
I remember while in high school that for a short time my goal was that of becoming a doctor. I could just picture myself being of great service to humanity and naturally making a great deal of money. Taking Latin and chemistry completely blew up that idea.
At the moment, I'm at Lee thinking of being an accountant, but if accounting doesn't start being more understandable, I might have to set a new goal!



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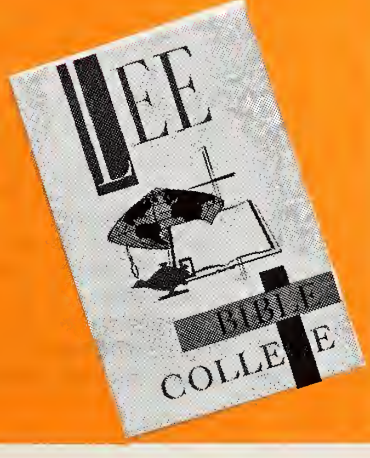


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By Dr. Roy B. Zuck



WHY DO TEENS QUIT CHURCH?



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The Youth and Research Commissions of the National Sunday School Association have just completed a survey which explored the important question, WHY DO TEENS QUIT CHURCH? Twenty-six denominations and 399 independent and unclassified churches participated in the survey. Seventy churches of our denomination were included. The reliability of this survey depends on honest answers from the young people and this can not be guaranteed. But it is felt that trends can be seen which make this report extremely relevant to some of the problems that face our church today. This is the first in a series of articles attempting to analyze and interpret some of the finding of this survey.

Not Enough Activities—
Reason No. 1

"Why did I quit going? I was bored with church because they didn't have enough for the young people to do."

Those are the words of a 16-year-old dropout from an evangelical church. And the opinion of this girl from Baltimore, Maryland, is no isolated one. She is voicing the *number-one complaint* that young people have against church—*there's not enough going on,* and little opportunity to participate in the activities that *are* available! One teen put it this way: "Many churches would hold more young people longer if there were more activities and if the young people were given a larger role in the conducting of (the) services."

Nationwide Survey

Sunday School classes, church services, and youth programs are not enough, said one out of every three teens across the country. They were responding to a nationwide survey on youth dropouts, made by the Youth and Research Commissions of the National Sunday School Association in 1962. Questionnaires with both objective and subjective questions were distributed to 2,023 ministers representing more than 25 evangelical denominations and a number of independent churches in all 50 states.

Response to the Project

Six hundred and six pastors responded to the project—a sizable representative return of 29.8 per cent.

Of the 606, 117 or 19.3 per cent reported that they had no dropouts in the past two years. Churches that have dropouts total 489 or 80.7 per cent. Of those 489, only 21 pastors said they attempted but did not succeed in enlisting the cooperation of dropouts contacted. For the sake of clarity, a dropout was defined as "one who has altogether discontinued attending your church regularly. If he is still attending one agency of the church, such as Sunday School or weekday groups, he should not be considered a dropout."

A total of 331 young people participated by filling out questionnaires and they came from 42 of the 50 states—all except Georgia, Hawaii, Maine, Massachusetts, Nevada, Rhode Island, Utah, and Vermont.

It is believed that the findings are fairly reliable and representative. The questionnaire-instrument for the research was carefully revised after a pilot-run mailing to one hundred pastors. More than 14 thousand items were tabulated.

Of course, it is recognized that the validity of any research project of this kind may be affected by the honesty or dishonesty of the

respondents, and that some of the reasons that teens give for dropping church may be "surface" reasons or the results of rationalization, etc. Half of the teens who responded were over 18 at the time they filled out the questionnaires (though many of them were younger when they dropped out). This fact suggests that the comments on the questionnaires may be regarded as more reliable, mature, and thought out than the comments of much younger teens would be.

Each pastor received two questionnaires and was asked in turn to take them to two teens who dropped out of his church when they were between the ages of 12 and 19.

Also, each pastor received a one-page questionnaire on which he could indicate why *he* thought the dropouts quit his church—to be filled in *before* he contacted the dropouts. Thus interesting comparisons between pastors' views and teens' opinions showed up when the responses were tabulated.

A committee of four members from the Youth and Research Commissions of the NSSA gave guidance to the project: Rev. Joseph Bubar, General Director, Christian Service Brigade; Rev. Gunnar Hoglund, Youth Director, Baptist General Conference; Rev. William Pauley, Director, Calvary Memorial Church, Oak Lawn, Illinois; and Dr. Roy B. Zuck, Director of Research, Commission on Research in Christian Education. Dr. Zuck served as director of this project.

This committee secured pastors' names from the Sunday School and Youth Secretaries of denominations associated with the NSSA. Each national secretary supplied the names and addresses of three pastors in every state in which his denomination has churches. Several hundred more names from other sources were added (including pastors of Independent churches), thus bringing the total to 2,023.

Too Many Phonies—Reason No. 2

The pastors encouraged the church-deserters to be frank, honest, and thorough in their replies. And they were!

Writing anonymously, their comments were candid, brutally frank, and often revealed glaring shortcomings in local churches—among the church *people* as well as the church *functions*.

For example, an 18-year-old Minnesota girl wrote, "There were too many people who were 'holy' on Sunday, but the rest of the week you would never know they ever went to church." This was the second outstanding gripe: adult Christians are inconsistent and are not interested in young people. In Denver a non-Christian teen-ager who attended church about four years complained that "people in church were always telling you what you should or should not do, and they were not any better than I was."

This concern about phonies in the church runs high. A boy from Nebraska who had gone to church "since childhood" put it this way: "I believe the church has too many people who show partiality and run in 'cliques.' Also, there seems to be the gossips that start rumors and people stray away."

It's Boring—Reason No. 3

The third main reason given by teen nonattenders is that church is boring, unchallenging, irrelevant. "I got bored with the sermons and the Sunday School class. They did not speak to me or to my needs," says a high school graduate in Indiana who comes from a Christian home. In Arkansas an unsaved boy griped about sameness. "Every function of the church became routine. . . . Also the Sunday School lessons were dry and uninteresting, the teacher could never stay with the subject. . . . Nothing more than repetition."

"The sermons and lectures in church never answered what I wanted to know . . . Although I was interested, it seemed to get very repetitious and boring. Sunday School never challenged me." Those words come from a boy in a church in Iowa, who wanted "more serious, down-to-earth discussion groups." A boy in a Baptist church in California writes, "The people in the Fundamental churches do not deal with nor face the real problems of living."

Teens easily spot the contrast between the challenge of public school work and unchallenging church activities. This is how a 17-year-old Arizonian expresses it: "Young people need to be treated more as adults. We do some big things in our school program week after week but it seems as if the program of the church is not geared to our needs or interests. We don't do much that stimulates and challenges us. Doesn't seem like it is sometimes worth the effort to get ready to get up and go. It just didn't seem to touch my life too well."

One girl's candid comments make youth leaders wonder if churches are really meeting heart-needs of young people. "The classes were dead and the teacher was so-so . . . I now feel pretty strongly that somehow the church doesn't at all satisfy me, and I seem to be groping at something I can't find. I am very, very confused."

Two teens felt that churches offer nothing significant. "When I got old enough to make my own decisions, I decided that the church was not necessary" (Tennessee). "I guess I don't have any real good reason for not attending church, but I don't have any real reason to attend either" (Nebraska). And both of these young people attended church for about 11 years, though neither of them professes to be a Christian! A 15-year-old girl in Bakersfield, California, complains about being busy. She says, "When I get married (soon, I hope) I plan to take active part in church work."

Food for Thought

These three big reasons—not enough activities, adult inconsistency, and boredom and irrelevance—show up enormous areas of weakness, not easily rectified. But they call for serious examination on the part of ministers and youth workers. These questions ought to be pondered long and hard:

What more can we offer our youth by way of interesting, wholesome youth activities?

How can we impress adults with the importance of consistent Christian living?

How can our classes, our sermons, our programs, be more relevant, more interesting, more challenging, more spiritually dynamic—to meet the soul-needs of today's teens?

The Lord's Storekeeper



BY ESTHER MILLER PAYLER

JOHN WANAMAKER, world-known Christian and founder of the important department store in Philadelphia and later one in New York, bought many millions of dollars worth of goods. Yet he always said that his most important purchase was made when he was eleven years old. He bought a little red Bible for two dollars and seventy-five cents which he had to pay for in installments. It started him on a life-long study of the Bible, which he considered more important than his vast business enterprises.

On the first floor of John Wanamaker's store in Philadelphia, not far from one of the main doors, is a carved and polished wooden eagle. It is a favorite meeting place now for young people and has been for several generations. "Meet me under the eagle" is a phrase often heard in Philadelphia and all natives know the place.

Reared in a Christian home, John Wanamaker often spent family evenings singing favorite hymns. He learned many Bible verses, but he did not become a Christian until one evening he heard a young man, several years older than himself, testify: "I couldn't live without Christ."

It was then Wanamaker with characteristic decisiveness said to his minister: "I have settled the matter and given my heart to God." When he died at eighty-four years of age, his heart still belonged to God As soon as he became a Christian, John acted on his conviction and walked up and down the streets of his neighborhood in Philadelphia, rounding up boys for his Sunday school class.

Wanamaker founded the Bethany Sunday school. He tried three times to start the school in a rough section of town, but each time, gangs drove him away with stones and clubs. The fourth time, Wanamaker prayerfully decided to stand his ground come what may. He did and the gang did not bother him again.

From a handful of pupils, this Sunday school grew to the largest in the world. Wanamaker was never one to wait for others to do the work, but grabbed hold himself, whether it was teaching a class, washing a child's dirty hands, or leading in gospel singing at the Sunday school. Although head of a vast industrial empire, he did not mind showing a clerk how to ring up a sale, or even to help clean the store.

Being the oldest child in a large family, he was only permitted to attend school for two years. Yet he schooled himself so thoroughly in the Bible, that he taught thousands in his classes and received honorary degrees from two prominent universities. He was always alert and humbly eager to learn in Christian work or business.

His first job was in a publishing house in downtown Philadelphia. While walking to work, he carried his shoes to save them. He brought his lunch to save money.

In his first clothing store job, John was a stock boy and it was his responsibility to see that stock was placed neatly back on the shelves. Suggesting an improvement in window display to the owner, he was crossly told: "Get yourself another job since you know so much!"

Wanamaker promptly did this at double his previous salary. He worked at Colonel Bennett's Tower Hall. Here he learned much about buying and selling. Later, he wanted to buy a share in the business but was refused. "I'll start my own store!" he determined. Young as he was, he was confident that the Lord would lead him.

AT EIGHTEEN, Wanamaker became sick with tuberculosis. He went West, bought a tent and lived on the prairies, returning to Philadelphia cured and convinced that God had saved him because He had a work for him to do. On a piece of wrapping paper he wrote a list of possible jobs for which he might be suited. Prayerfully he crossed off journalist, architect, minister and doctor. Merchant was the only one left. He decided to follow the Lord's leading and become His storekeeper.

At first it looked like he was being side-tracked from his merchandising ambitions, when he became the first paid secretary for the Philadelphia Y.M.C.A. He married Mary Brown, whom he had met in his Sunday school work. She helped him in Sunday school until she died.

The year the Civil War began, John Wanamaker started a clothing store with his brother-in-law, Nathan Brown. Merchandising experts then said Wanamaker was sure to fail as everything was against him, including the times. Competitors laughed when he explained his ideas of putting Christian practice into the store business. But they worked together until Nathan's death in 1868. In 1869, the John Wanamaker and Company began and it still is going.

Wanamaker declared that he would not try to force people to buy before they left the store. There would be one price, plainly marked on the merchandise, and

no haggling or different prices to different people. All goods were guaranteed and the buyer was sure not to lose on inferior merchandise. Wanamaker would advertise a great deal so all would know that they could get dependable goods at fair prices in his store.

In spite of all the prophets of doom, Wanamaker got along so well that he bought the old "white elephant" Pennsylvania Railroad freight house and turned it into the largest and most complete store in the United States at that time. There was more than two acres of floor space with aisles spreading out like spokes of a great wheel. The merchandise was of the best quality obtainable. "You can buy anything at Wanamakers, even Ford cars," exclaimed one customer, after a shopping trip.

Before he opened his "Grand Depot" store, Wanamaker let the Moody-Sanky revival use the place. He even helped make benches to accommodate the people. A helper said: "We can seat eight thousand nine hundred persons."

"Make it eight thousand nine hundred and four," said Wanamaker. "People like exact numbers when they are told of something. It makes a bigger impression!" He used that idea in his business, considering no detail too small to be accurate. He believed in truthful advertising and selling.

The revival lasted for more than sixty days and more than a million people came, including President Grant, his Cabinet and the Supreme Court Justices. Three hundred of Wanamaker's employees served as ushers. He was present every night himself, except when he took charge of the men's overflow meetings and his Sunday school work.

NOT CONTENT WITH his huge business and the travels he often had to make in order to buy, Wanamaker tried politics. Here he met defeat, but took it as the Lord's will and did not let it trouble him. He ran for Mayor of his home town, Governor of Pennsylvania and United States Senator and was not elected.

However, he did serve four years in President Benjamin Harrison's Cabinet as Postmaster General. Although not young, he was so energetic and studied out the situation so well, he was able to institute many changes and improve the postal service, improving efficiency and service. He also showed Washington society, he had a mind of his own by refusing to serve liquor in his house. But official Washington attended his "dry" dinner and other parties and enjoyed the novelty.

An incident illustrating Wanamaker's thoughtfulness and kindness took place during his term as Postmaster General. During a meeting of postmasters in Washington, the speaker of the evening had the same name as an old lady postmistress from a tiny Kentucky town. When the name was announced, the lady postmistress, thinking that she had been called upon arose and said that although it was a surprise and she was unprepared, she would say a few words, since they asked her to do so.

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Rules for a Perfect DAY

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to live through this day only—and not tackle my whole life's problems at once, I can do some things for twelve hours that would appall me if I had to keep them up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY I will adjust myself to what is and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my business, and my luck as they come and fit myself to them.

JUST FOR TODAY I will take care of my body, I will exercise it, care for it, and nourish it and not abuse it, nor neglect it, so that it will be a perfect machine for my will.

JUST FOR TODAY I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study, I will learn something useful, I will not be a mental loafer all day. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY I will exercise my soul in three ways to wit:

a. I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out. If anybody knows of it, it will not count.
b. I will do at least two things I don't want to do just for exercise of will power.
c. I will not show any one that my feelings are hurt. They may be hurt, but today I will not show it.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with praise, and criticize not one bit, nor find fault with anything, and not try to regulate nor improve any one.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a program. I will write down just what I expect to do every hour. I may not follow it exactly, but I'll have it as a pattern to follow. It will save me from two pests—hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY I will have a quiet half hour all by myself, and relax. In this half-hour some time I will think of God so as to get a little more perspective to my life.

JUST FOR TODAY I will be unafraid. Especially I will not be afraid to be happy, to enjoy what is beautiful, to love and to believe that those I love, love me.

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Your local P.F.C. Club can be chartered with the international organization by sending the names of the sponsor and officers to the National Sunday School and Youth Department.



"IN GOD WE TRUST"

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Once decorated by 15 ornamental stars, this area above the Speaker's chair in the House of Representatives now bears the motto: "In God We Trust." The House passed a res-

olution initiated by Rep. Fred Marshall (D.—Mich.).

Mr. Marshall said: "During these times when our country is facing great crises, it is well that we remind ourselves of our reliance upon God and reaffirm our faith in Him." He added that one of the "by-products of our act . . . is that we have given perhaps not too directly, but in not too subtle a way, our answer to the recent decision of the U.S. Supreme Court banning the Regents' Prayer from the New York public schools."—Religious News Service Photo

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ALL CONDITIONS ARE . . . GO!

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Judging by all the evidence: Christ's own example; His utterances and commands, both before and after His passion; the repeated post-resurrection commissions, and those post-ascension by Christ, angels and the Holy Spirit; there is no doubt that from the divine viewpoint and intention all conditions are . . . still . . . *GO!*

The Great Commission included no time limit. It set forth simply, clearly, and with a note of finality; what was to be done; by whom, for whom; by what means; where, why, and for how long. It left no room for shilly-shallying and having never been rescinded or modified, it would seem a mistake of the first magnitude for any follower of Christ to be irresolute, or be preoccupied with trifles, when commanded to make the world his parish. To see disciples standing idle in the ecclesiastical market places, saying, "No man hath hired us," when fields are ready for the reaping and the Lord is saying, "Go ye also into the vineyard," is indeed a sorry spectacle.

As long as world evangelization is incomplete; as long as communism continues to enslave; as long as half of mankind languishes in fear and superstition, because of

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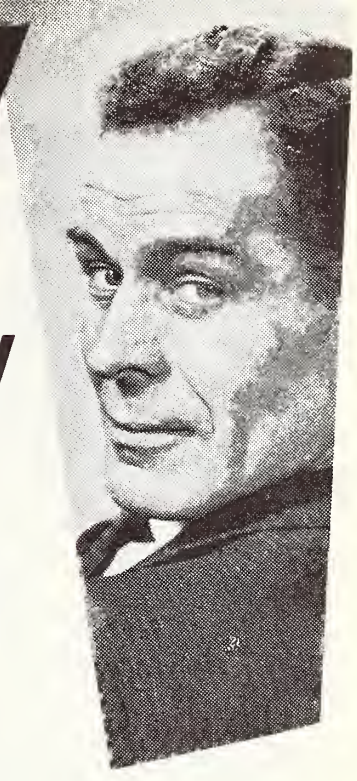
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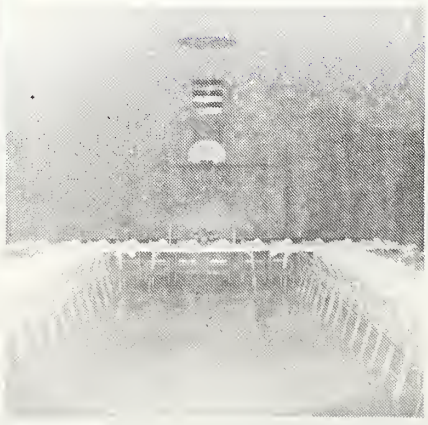
On September 1, 1961, the Robinson Church of God began a YOUTH OF THE MONTH program. Points were given for attendance at all services of the month, for offerings in Sunday School and Y.P.E. and for tithing, and for participation in Sunday School class lessons and in Y.P.E. programs. Points were given also for doing projects around the church from week to week, such as changing the bulletin board or mowing the grass.

Each month the youth receiving the most points was acclaimed Youth of the Month and was given an inscribed cup. At the close of the year the youth receiving the most accumulated points for the year was given a larger cup with the inscription "YOUTH OF THE YEAR 1961-'62."

During the year-long program several had perfect attendance and learned the blessing of tithing as well as other responsibilities of laymen.

The picture shows the five who received the Youth of the Month trophies, with the Sunday School superintendent presenting Rosetta Edmunds with the YOUTH OF THE YEAR trophy. From left to right, the persons pictured are Darrel Polk, Diana Otey, Ransom Wade, Rosetta Edmunds, Sandra Pine and Tresa Polk.

Buffet held in Mound City, South Dakota



The young people of the Mound City, South Dakota, Church of God were host to a buffet held in the school auditorium Friday, October 12, 1962. The menu included many fine foods that were enjoyed by all.

Much work went into making the buffet a success. Odine Morse, missionary from Haiti, was found laboring in the kitchen preparing the many fine foods that appeared on the menu. She was assisted by Elsie Fischer, Vina Brown, Penny Pfeifle, Annielia Vilhauer, Lila Vilhauer, Jim Fischer, and Rev. S. Gordon Brown. During the buffet, the tables were attended by Mrs. Leanore

Pfeifle, Mrs. Emma Gunderson and Mrs. Elsie Fischer.

The young people from the Mound City and Mobridge Churches of God provided the group with special singing. Annielia and Lila Vilhauer of Mound City sang a duet. Sharon Heil of Mobridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Heil, sang a solo. Karen Jones of Mobridge, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. R. S. Jones, also favored the group with a solo. Dwane Bendorf of Mound City supplied the organ music during the meal by way of recording.

An exhortation which reminded the youth of the great responsibilities which lie before them was given by the Reverend S. Gordon Brown, who is the pastor of the Mound City Church of God and is also the district youth director.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Vernon Harmeson, superintendent of the public schools in Linton, North Dakota. Brother Harmeson is also an ordained minister in the Church of God. His message taught our youth many things, above all, not to be satisfied with an average way of life. The program was closed by each individual asking God to help them overcome their hindrances, and the final dismissal was prayed by the Reverend M. W. DeWitt.

This great occasion was attended by ministers of various towns and cities in which the Church of God is located in the Dakotas. This was the first buffet held in this area and may the effort be for the encouragement of our youth in their stand for Christ.

THE SHOW-OFF

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She patted his broad back. "There, son! Sometimes the good Lord lets trouble come, to help us mature. You're growing up today. Connie's a sweet Christian girl. Whether she ever marries you or not is entirely up to you."

"She's finished with me. She said so."

"She loves you very dearly," Mother smiled. "But you must take seriously the claims of life and the claims of Christ. Why not seek the Lord, son? You need the Saviour's guiding hand, if you really love Connie—"

Somehow, Earl's eyes were misty. Again he could hear Connie sobbing and see her face frightened and her white dress all bloody. He'd been wrong about a lot of things. *There is a fountain filled with blood—*

With bowed head he stood before Mother and choked, "Pray for me, Mother."

"We'll both pray, son." She pointed to a chair, and gently drew him to his knees. . . .

It felt good, to have his mother hug him and say, "God bless you, son." After he prayed he felt forgiven, clean and happy. He stood for a moment fondling his silky black beard. Then he charged up the stairs, climbing them three at a time. He picked up a pair of scissors and his electric razor. He'd shave off his beard, then go to Walt and apologize. Walt was a good boss, and he was sorry about hurting him.

But first—he sprinted downstairs again, and grabbed the phone; grinning happily, he dialed Connie's number. She'd be thrilled to learn that her prayers for him had been answered.

THE LORD'S STOREKEEPER

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The schedule speaker kept quiet at Wanamaker's whispered words and afterward Wanamaker kept the reporters from reporting this newsworthy feature story, to embarass the woman. The postmistress died a few years later, still thinking of the most wonderful day of her life when she had talked to so many people in the capitol.

Right up to the time of John Wanamaker's death, he was still active in his Sunday school and charity work. The famous stores he founded and his ideas about merchandising and advertising for department stores are still used.

What a thrilling example John Wanamaker is of what a sickly young man did when he depended on God's guidance. He truly became the Lord's storekeeper!

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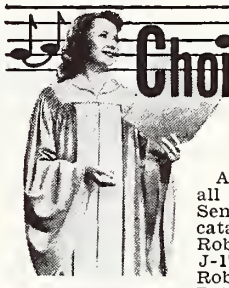


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ALL CONDITIONS ARE . . . GO!

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ignorance, and heathen need to hear the Truth that sets men free, all conditions are to be regarded as . . . *GO!*

By the challenge of Red atheism and the horrors of paganism; by the command of Christ, and the right of all men to hear the joyful sound that Jesus Saves, we must *go*. Of hindering things, to which we cling, we must *let go*. Those who stand poised and willing, stymied for lack of aid, we must *help go*. One goal of the Gospel is *go, GO, GO!*

"ALL CONDITIONS ARE . . . GO!"

"GO!"

Hear your commission, O Church of the Master;
Friends and disciples of Jesus, take heed.
How are ye doing the work of the Father?
How are ye caring for hunger and need?

Go—to the sheep that are scattered and fainting.
Having no shepherds, and tell them to come;
Go to the highways and tell every creature
Still the feast waiteth and yet there is room.

Go—the time shortens, the night is approaching,
Harvests are whit'ning and reapers are few.
Somewhere, perhaps, in the darkness are dying
Souls that might enter the Kingdom with you.

Go—Church of Christ, for He goeth before you,
And all the way that ye take He doth know.
On the bright morrow He'll say, "Come, ye blessed";
But till the dawning the message is *"Go!"*

—Annie Johnson Flint

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Middletown (Clayton), Ohio 696
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 601

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NATION'S TOP TEN IN HOME DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE

Total Monthly Attendance for October

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 5,325
East Gadsden, Alabama 1,275
East Lumberton, North Carolina 1,014
Gaffney, South Carolina 800
Atlanta (Hemphill Avenue), Georgia 625
Rock Hill, South Carolina 616
Decatur, Alabama 593
Landis, North Carolina 570
Princeton, West Virginia 518
Chase, Maryland 500

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia 49
South Carolina 25
Florida 22
North Carolina 20
Ohio 19
Alabama 16
Oklahoma 15
Michigan 14
Pennsylvania 12
California 11

REPORT OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 27
New Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 22
Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 49

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Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 2,833
Edgemere, Indiana 840
Chase, Maryland 800
Gaffney, South Carolina 800
Dallas, North Carolina 750
Bladenboro, North Carolina 741
Winter Garden, Florida 738
Darlington, South Carolina 609
Ft. Mill, South Carolina 600
North Birmingham, Alabama 595

CORRECTION

The North Carolina State Office has advised us that they should have reported Wilmington as having an average weekly attendance of 406 in Sunday School for the month of September.

Young People's Endeavor

Average Weekly Attendance

October 1962

200 and Over

Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia 319
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio 319
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio 312
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 306
Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 278
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee 257
East Burlington, North Carolina 208

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May I also make a further statement, with which many will disagree. I do not feel that any teen-age couple should date alone and just go riding around in a car. Please, mothers, fathers, and pastors, *provide something for them to do and somewhere to go.* Don't just turn them over to the snares of the world.

This partly answers another question I had recently; namely, "Is it sinful to go to church parties?" No, it is not sinful if the church provides the entertainment for the youth and sponsors it, everything will surely be in good order. I feel that the church is responsible to the youth to provide something for them.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON was a godly man. He was a man of prayer and a lover of the Bible. Upon being confronted with sore trials or great responsibilities, he sought guidance and assurance in prayer. Certainly he was chosen of God to be the "father of America."

Being a regular and devout worshiper in the sanctuary, Washington was an exemplary church member. This is borne out by the testimony of one of his pastors: "I have often been at Mount Vernon on Sabbath morning when the breakfast table was filled with guests, but to Washington they furnished no pretext for neglecting the house of God; he invariably invited them to accompany him."

What an example, this first president! His praying when faced with problems is far from the profane speech of some other statesmen under similar circumstances. His example of attending church regularly has been sadly forsaken by too many statesmen of this day.

George Washington was a man of great spiritual insight. Quite generally his biographers recognize and respect his reverent acknowledgement of God. To openly acknowledge the guidance of God as Washington did in his first inaugural address was not altogether the popular thing to do. This was the time when Thomas Payne's *The Age of Reason* was almost universally read; the time when most towns of any size had their Infidel Club. As men were lauding him highly as the victorious Commander-in-Chief of American Forces at the close of the Revolution, Washington calmly exclaimed, "I am but the instrument in the hand of God."

Washington was an honored man. After America had won her independence, all eyes turned to Washington to be their President. He was the father of his country, the man of his times, the man "first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen," the Moses of America.

His opinion was highly esteemed. In the Continental Congress, when differences of opinion had deadlocked the meeting, George Washington, the chairman, arose and uttered the immortal words: "Let us lift up a standard to which the wise and honest may resort; the event is in the hands of God." These great words dissolved the deadlock, and the Congress got down to work.

WASHINGTON, BORN in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on February 22, 1732, was an honest man. Whether or not the story of the cherry tree is authentic, Washington was revered as a man of utmost veracity. He was honest with God. On the battlefields he looked to God for victory, and when victory came, he reverently gave thanks to God. The word *providence* loomed highly in his vocabulary

This man, having several characteristics of Moses, was a meek man. He led the American people from their English bondage to their free "Canaan." On that eventful day when he was called upon to assume the presidency, he exclaimed, "I am not the man." In fact, Washington never asked for any office. When he was trying to evade the presidency of this newly-born nation, Colonel Lee sent this word: "It is God who has set you apart to do this particular work. You have begun the work; no hand but yours can complete it."

Patrick Henry said of Washington: "If you speak of eloquence, Mr. Rutledge of South Carolina is by far the greatest orator; but if you speak of solid information and sound judgment, Colonel Washington is unquestionably the greatest man on the floor." It was deeds, not oratory, that made Washington "first in the hearts of his countrymen."

On Washington's sixty-first birthday, a motion in Congress to adjourn for thirty minutes in honor of him was vigorously opposed by some, stating that it would be idolatrous. Since that time, however, we have made his birthday a national holiday, and all the United States ceases official business not just for thirty minutes, but for an entire day. This, we Americans feel, is most fitting.

After having been retired to the privacy of his home at Mount Vernon for eight years, Washington died December 14, 1799, "to take up his march to the throne of God." All America mourned at his passing, and even the flags of Britain floated at half mast. Certainly this great man made footprints worthy of following "on the sands of time."

Clyde W. Buxton

Lion By The Tail

Duby Boyd



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THE COLD WINTER rain ran in tiny rivers down the front of Jorene's coat sloshing and gurgling in her shoes but she was not aware of it. Her tears were much nearer and they blurred the street lights making weird shapes of the houses as she passed. She had known the tears would come and after them the memories before the hurt would finally pass.

It was the memories she dreaded most and even so soon they were crowding her mind. It had been winter and raining just like this the first day they had met. Edward Frank Howell had been a sensation since his arrival in the quiet little seaside town of Cliffview and its smallness and quietness had greatly magnified his importance. He had been accepted as junior partner of Cliffview's only law firm, Hinkle, Barclay and Brown.

His tall good looks and cosmopolitan manner had brightened the dusty, white shingled office at the edge of town. It was a bleak rainy March afternoon when Jorene's boss at the bank had asked her to deliver some mortgage forms to Mr. Barclay. By the time she had reached the office, her scarf had soaked through and her damp hair tumbled about her face. She pushed open the heavy door and was greeted by a rush of warm stale air. The front desk was occupied by the young Mr. Howell whom Jorene had never seen before. He flashed a charming smile and motioned her to a chair while he finished scanning a document on his desk.

Then pushing back his chair, he walked over to where she was sitting, held out a well groomed hand and introduced himself. "I haven't seen you before," he continued smilingly. Keenly aware of her messy hair, Jorene introduced herself and asked to see Mr. Barclay. Something about his manner helped her to forget her unkempt appearance and she found herself talking very freely. "Where do you live," he asked.

"My uncle is the pastor of First Church. I live with he and his family and direct music for the church."

"How very nice," he replied as Mr. Barclay came toward them, "I haven't established a church home yet, perhaps I'll come Sunday."

And he did come. Jorene saw him enter the vestibule as she took her seat at the organ. All during the song service, he smiled up at her and after the service he was waiting on the steps.

"It's such a lovely day, I thought I might talk you into coming for a drive up the coast with me."

"I'd love to go, but first come with me and meet my Uncle."

That afternoon had been the beginning of many happy hours Jorene spent with the young attorney. Although he attended church very often, he never openly professed Christianity and sometimes he would invite Jorene to go places where she felt a Christian wouldn't go.

One evening as they were walking home from church, he asked her a question that startled her.

"How do you know that there really is a God? In your Uncle's sermon tonight he mentioned the evidence of God's being, like the trees and wind and beauties of nature, but surely there must be some more positive proof."

Jorene thought a moment before she gave him her answer. "There is a better way. I know God personally through His Son, Jesus Christ. I have never seen Him but very often I feel His nearness. He's especially close to me when I seek His help. Knowing that He does exist is something that we must accept by faith."

Edward had only smiled at her reply but the smile did not quiet the cynical look in his eyes. Little things like these nagged Jorene at times, and there were moments when she felt that she should not see him again but then pleasant little memories would creep in and she would soon be rebuffing herself for having such doubts.

THE SUMMER months deepened into autumn and so deepened Jorene's affection for Edward. She spent more and more time with him and pretty soon found herself helping him evenings in the law office by typing the dull, lengthy legal documents. Almost all the evenings she spent with him were in helping him with his work.

At first she didn't mind at all, but soon she began to wonder where he spent the evenings when they weren't together. If she ever questioned him, he always assured her that he was working. Sometimes she heard rumors about these other evenings through the girls at the bank. This made her feel very strangley ill at ease and hurt but she made herself dismiss them as gossip. After a few curt words, the girls didn't tell her anything else.

As winter dragged on, Jorene waited for him to speak of his feelings, but he never did. A strange unrest gripped her, and it was difficult for her to control her moods. Her interest in her music and church activities waned and she would miss a club meeting or be late to prayer service for no substantial reason at all.

One day after work, she was practicing the much neglected organ music when she looked up to find her uncle watching her.

"I'd like to talk to you," he said.

Jorene stopped playing and walked with him to a pew in the front of the church. He placed his arm around her as they sat down and then he stared thoughtfully at the stained glass windows as if waiting for a sign to begin. Jorene knew what he wanted to talk about before he said the first word.

"I've never wanted to interfere with your affairs, but I don't feel I should stand by and watch you get hurt when there may be something I can do to prevent it. Many things have come to my attention of late that have caused me great concern for your welfare.

"I know how you feel about Edward. For almost a year you have dated no one else and yet he has not spoken to you of his feelings or made any turn toward your way of thinking. Things that I have heard and seen make me believe that his interest in you is only for the things you do for him."

Jorene felt her shoulders stiffen under her uncles arm, warm blood rushed to her cheeks and her eyes flashed angrily as she spoke. "You

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The birthday of George Washington is a national holiday in our nation. He was born in Virginia on February 22, 1732. We are pleased to do tribute to him, "the father of our country."



First in Hearts of Countrymen

Margie M. Mixon

ACCORDING TO A contemporary columnist, American civilization was produced by the spirit of religion and the spirit of the gentleman. Perhaps a truer gentleman than George Washington, the father of our country, has never lived.

Washington dedicated a large share of his life to the service of his country, when in reality he longed for a quiet, serene, unhurried life at his Mount Vernon plantation. It was said of him that he loved his family, home, and acres as dearly as he loved his country. During his mature years, he was the most sought after man in America.

George Washington came from a family of good English stock, among whom were clergymen and deeply religious laymen. His parents were members of the Church of England, almost the only denomination of Christians at that time in Virginia.

A more "self-made man" than George Washington would be difficult to find. There was no Harvard or Yale to shape his destiny. Even though his family was one of the wealthiest in that day, his education was "plain and practical." While other young men of his day went to England for their education, it was decided that young George would remain at home. His education was received at a small local school in Virginia. His older brother, Lawrence, had been sent to England to school, and upon returning home, he took a keen interest in George. This brother exerted a strong influence over the boy. As strange as it may seem, this influence was cast in a military direction. Lawrence saw military action early. He was commis-

sioned a captain in the war against the Spaniards in the West Indies.

George Washington acquired an enthusiasm in his youth for military affairs which did not pass with the years. This "military bent" remained to exert a strong influence in the early development of our colonies.

Washington has been compared to Abraham Lincoln in his absorbing desire for self-tuition. He had a personal characteristic which made his education effective in spite of its limitations. It was said that "he was actuated by that intense passion for self-education and self-improvement which has been recognized as a potent force and spur in the careers of many who have made their marks in history." Through his self-study, he became very proficient in the field of mathematics. Another field of learning he pursued was mercantile and legal papers.

The Washingtons were big landowners. Naturally, they spent a great deal of time in land development so it is not surprising that young George developed a keen interest in land. Largely through self-education, he became a licensed surveyor at sixteen. The young man's earnings were large and he was in great demand as a surveyor. Most of the money he earned was invested in land.

The experience Washington gained in this early survey work was invaluable. Here he met life in its ruggedness which helped to develop a self-reliance needed so keenly in future emergencies.

Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia described George Washington at age twenty-two as "a person of distinction." He had already proved to be a person whose ability and judgment could be trusted. One biographer has said of him, "Admirers and detractors alike have borne testimony to the invariably favorable effect of George Washington's personality and presence. It was an attribute that remained throughout his life."

Washington attended the Pohick Church near his home until the beginning of the Revolutionary War. Reverend Lee Massey, Rector of the parish, had this to say of him: "I never knew so constant an attendant at church as Washington. And his behavior in the House of God was ever so deeply reverential, that it produced the happiest effects on my congregation; and greatly assisted me in my pulpit labors. No company ever withheld him from church."

AT THE AGE of thirteen young George composed a set of rules that he used to govern his daily life. A few of these rules were:

"Every action in company ought to be with some sign of respect to those present.

"Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the disparagement of any.

"Associate yourself with men of good quality, if you esteem your own reputation; for it is better to be alone than in bad company.

"Speak not evil of the absent, for it is unjust.

"Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, call conscience.

There can be no doubt that George Washington had a deep sense of an all-directing God who held the universe in his hand. He usually spoke of God as Providence or Destiny. Once when writing his fiance, he closed the letter by saying, "That an All-Powerful Providence may keep us both in safety is the prayer of your ever faithful and affectionate friend." In writing his aged mother, he said, "For happiness depends more upon the internal frame of a person's own mind than on the externals in the world."

He was married at the age of twenty-seven to Martha Curtis, the richest heiress in Virginia. He described her as small and dainty with glossy brown hair, dark eyes, and a graceful figure. Though women had little formal education in those days, Martha had a winning manner and quick wit. A biographer later described her as simple, loving, and wise, kindhearted and winning in all her ways.

How did Martha Washington feel about her famous husband? She once remarked that he was the rock, the reason, and the magnetic pole of her life. No children were borne to the Washington family, though Mrs. Curtis had two children at the time she married Mr. Washington. These children were loved dearly by their stepfather.

During the Revolutionary War, Washington served eight years as a military leader. He received his first military appointment when he was twenty—that of district adjutant general with the rank of Major. It was during these years that Americans learned of the greatness of this man. He became their most popular, genuinely loved, and trusted leader. His wife felt that perhaps America represented to her husband the child they never had. If so, no child has ever received more loving concern that George Washington gave his.

Practically every American through the history book remembers the difficult Valley Forge winter General Washington and his soldiers endured. The men reached a frightful state from hunger, cold, and illness. "Their bare feet left a trail of blood on the snow," wrote a historian, and "the soldiers were hungry to the point of starvation." But these men, inspired by General Washington, were fighting for a cause—for a stronger, independent, and more united America.

And so it is not surprising that George Washington was the choice of America for their first president. He had given eight years of unselfish duty in war fought largely for independence. Hard work lay ahead—the task of making thirteen states into one nation.

History affirms that the people made the right choice, for George Washington led a young nation through early growing pains with the same outstanding leadership qualities manifested in his war years.

In summarizing the life of such a man as the Father of our Country, perhaps no better description could be found than Major General Henry Lee's memorial tribute when he said of him at his death, "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen, he was second to none in the humble and endearing scenes of private life."



Our God Is Bigger Than Any Problem!

Katherine Bevis

A FRIEND OF mine was trying to solve a problem that seemed unsolvable, and sat talking with me about it.

Her little six-year-old girl was playing in the den where we were sitting, when suddenly, without any attention whatsoever from us, the child jumped up and ran to her mother.

"Mommy," asked the child, "how big is God?"

The mother, stunned for a moment by the question, smiled after a long moment as she said, "Why darling, God is bigger than all this world. Why do you ask?"

"I was just wondering," replied the child, "you always tell me that God is big, and if He is bigger than the world, then He is bigger than your problem, isn't He?"

"Of course He is," said Mother, as she hugged the child close to her, "and I know that God will take care of it."

Satisfied, the child went back to her play, and we resumed our conversation but on a different plane you may be sure. Before I realized it, I had said to my friend, "A little child shall lead them."

J. B. Phillips in his superb book, *Your God Is Too Small* says: ". . . The trouble with many people today is that they have not found a God big enough for modern needs. While their experience of life has grown in a score of directions, and their mental horizons have been expanded to the point of bewilderment by world events and by scientific discoveries, their ideas of God have remained largely static. It is obviously impossible for an adult to worship the conception of God that exists in the mind of a young child, unless he is prepared to deny his own experience of life . . ."

We need a God who is at once the Ground of all being, the Creator and Sustainer of the whole vast universe, and the Author of the incredibly complex laws which science is seeking dimly to understand. We need a God who is all great, all loving, all kind, and yet one so close to each one of us that we can feel His nearness at all times. We must be able to bring the tiniest or the greatest problem to God knowing that He is bigger than any problem life can afford.

We have this God if we will but accept Him. Our God is not too small!

Once in a moment of crisis in which Jesus had manifested his power, His disciples exclaimed: "What manner of man is this?"

AND TODAY, AS in times past, people will ask that same question as they behold the wonders performed by our Saviour, Jesus Christ, "What manner of Man is this?" and with the song writer we exclaim: *How Great Thou Art!*

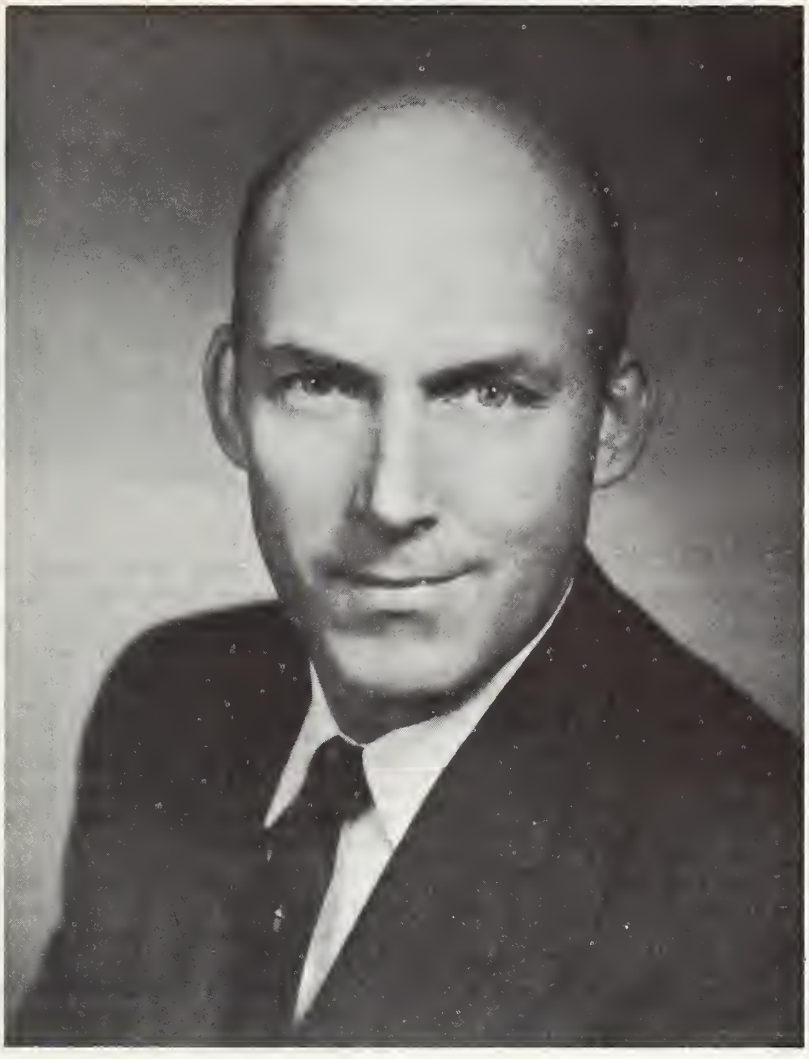
Let us open our Bibles to the Gospels and there we shall find an answer to what manner of man Christ is. Then shall we realize that our God is bigger than anything that can come our way—regardless of what it may be.

Our Lord and Saviour is strong. Firm in the right, He is stronger than the man of oak, stronger than the Iron Chancellor.

Our Lord and Saviour is an *Optimist.* And His optimism, born of His trust in God, gives us the confidence that " . . . if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him" (1 John 5:14, 15).

Our Lord and Saviour is *courageous.* Even in the Garden and on the Cross, He would not allow weariness or disillusionment to possess Him.

But the greatest answer to this question, "What manner of Man is this?" is found in the Golden Text of the Bible; "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). How great is God's Love! And we can be sure like the little girl, that our God is bigger than any problem, and since He is our Saviour, we need not fear. Believing in His great love, we proclaim to the world "OUR GOD IS NOT TOO SMALL!"



Present With Christ

On December 24, 1962, the Reverend A. M. Phillips, First Assistant General Overseer of the Church of God, passed away. Words are inadequate to express the shock felt by the entire church at his passing, nor can we put into words just how keenly he is missed.

However, while we grieve for him, he, we know, is basking in the happiness of heaven where grief is unknown. He has reached heaven, the place about which he often spoke; he has seen Christ, the Saviour to whom he directed thousands.

A. M. Phillips was born July 31, 1913, and at the age of seventeen began preaching. For thirty-two years he was a dynamic, enthusiastic, faithful minister of the gospel. His consuming zeal, optimism, and love for God and man made him one of the most effective and most loved men of his church.

To have been in his presence was to have been encouraged and inspired, for he was the embodiment of faith and courage. In his passing the church lost a truly great man. Therefore, there is little wonder that we are so deeply grieved.

Nor is his passing felt only by the Church of God. Telegrams and letters have flooded the general offices from numerous denominations stating their grief, their sympathy, and the keenness with which they feel his leaving.

However, December 24 did not just bring Brother Phillips' death, it brought his entrance to glory, his coronation day. This was not death to him, it was the beginning of an eternal existance in the presence of God.

The entire staff of the *Lighted Pathway* extend our deepest sympathy to his faithful companion and to his children and relatives. May Christ, the One acquainted with grief, encourage their hearts during these days of sorrow.



THE WEATHER OBEYS HIM

Margaret N. Freeman

IN MOST AMERICAN families radios or TV's are tuned to the weather forecast morning, noon, and night. In our country people often talk about the weather. They remark: "Nice day. Think it will rain (or snow)?" according to the season. In the Orient this is not the case.

The Oriental seldom talks about the weather. He knows, though just how the weather acts during the different months and periods of the year. These characteristics are usually dependable from year to year, and he seems to feel that talking about the weather is unnecessary conversation.

If someone asks an Oriental if the day is likely to be pleasant, he usually answers: "As the Lord wills," or he looks quickly about him and says: "At present, there is no rain."

When rain does fall, the Oriental says: "This is its time."

When the hot sun blazes down, he wipes the perspiration off his forehead and says: "It is the custom. What can we do about it?"

In Philistine the weather is not spoken about, but it is watched and acted upon. This small territory is bordered by sea, desert and mountain ranges, and the heat, cold, dry and wet depends upon the direction of the wind.

The west wind is pleasantly refreshing and brings clouds and showers from the Mediterranean Sea. At summer's end, a small gray cloud often arises in the sky. It must look much like the one Elijah spied on Mount Carmel. Then more cloud masses darken the sky. The strong wind begins to blow causing thistledown to scurry over the bare fields. When the wind blows at this particular time, the people hurry to gather the drying figs and raisins from the vineyards and housetops as they know the rain will soon fall in torrents.

The north wind has power to arrest rain and send clouds scurrying. Travelers, muleteers, and farmers depend on fair weather as long as the north wind blows.

The east wind is the cool, dry breeze of night, but by day it blows hot and becomes oppressive; however, it seldom lasts long. Genesis 41:6 tells how this wind blasted the thin ears of Pharaoh's corn. The farmers are glad when it blows for a short while in the springtime for it causes the crops to grow quickly while the ground is moist. In autumn, it is needed, for it helps to dry fruits for winter before the summer ends with the early rain. A red sunset means the east wind is present, which is a sign warm weather may be expected.

JESUS ONCE REBUKED the Pharisees and Sadducees because they could tell the signs of the weather in the sky, but could not understand spiritual things.

Do we often worry about things over which we have no control? How much better to leave these things to Jesus, trusting Him to help us solve our problems. If we ask him to help us to be concerned about the important things in life, He will do that, too, and we find that we will have less and less taste for wrong and unimportant things.

After early rains soften the earth, the Palestinian farmer starts plowing, which is in the latter part of October or the first of November. He waits until the rains come. Job mentions this when he says: "They waited for me as for the rain."

As has been mentioned earlier, the weather is important to the Oriental. He can very well predict it by the signs in the sky, but he usually accepts it without saying much about it. He feels that it comes from God, so seldom will you hear him refer to the weather as he meets fellow travelers on the road.

The story is told of a missionary hurrying home through a heavy shower. He called from under the protecting cover of his umbrella to a Moslem friend plodding along in the dampness: "Isn't this a dreadful day of rain?"

The old man looked soberly up at the sky and then he said to the missionary: "Do you think He does not understand His work?"

The weather and all nature obeys our Lord. Should any of us do less?



Abraham Lincoln, our nation's sixteenth president, was born in 1809 on a farm in Kentucky. His birthday came on the twelfth day of the current month--February. This page is dedicated to this great American statesman.

SARAH LED ABRAHAM

Violetta Gammon

"Come on Abraham! You are going to get lost if you don't stay close to me. This wilderness is an easy place in which to go astray. You must never turn to the left or right but always follow the straight path." Abraham looked ahead and caught sight of his beloved Sarah standing on this wilderness trail.

Sarah had her hands cupped around her mouth calling to him, so he hurried to catch up with her. Somehow, he knew she was right—she was always right. Perhaps it was because she let God lead her. Thus we forget to credit kind Sarah with the influence she wielded over Abraham, for she taught him to walk a straight path.

He was to become a great leader. He led his people through years of crisis. Abraham found all too soon that he had very few friends who would really stand by him, and most everyone complained and jeered him. They laughed at him to his face, as well as to his back. Everywhere people were murmuring and complaining.

They blamed Abraham for bringing them out into this so called "Wilderness of Distress," but God gave Abraham great strength and courage to stand alone, to stand for the right when his closest friends forsook him. When he was away from Sarah, I imagine that in some of his lonely hours, he longed for just her reassuring smile.

But in the natural way of life, Sarah could not always live to comfort Abraham. Several years after she died, Abraham made this profound statement: "All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe to my darling mother."

Thus Abraham Lincoln revealed the innermost thoughts which he held for his dearly beloved stepmother—Sarah Lincoln.



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HOLINESS — WHAT DOES IT COST?

THERE ARE MANY concepts concerning the price an individual must pay to obtain a holy life. It would be impossible to list each of these in their prospective categories. However, I would like to mention four things it will cost us to be holy. There are others but these four should be sufficient to challenge each one of us.

First of all there must be *A complete separation from the world.* We read in 1 John 2:15 the explicit command, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the father is not in him."

Worldliness consists of many things and it is difficult to pin worldliness down to a concrete definition and say, "This is worldliness and that is not worldliness." To me, worldliness would be anything said, done, or thought which separated one from God. We are constantly being challenged to lower our Christian standards. Worldly associates, worldly affections, worldly amusements, worldly attractions and worldly alliances, all exercise their pull like powerful magnets on our lives. We as Christians should be so closely united with Christ by the Holy Spirit that Satan could have no success in his efforts to influence us to be worldly.

Then, there should be *A complete subordination of all human affections.* By this I do not mean the complete suppression or the complete elimination of the human affections, but I do mean that they should be subordinate.

In Matthew 10:37, 38 we read, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me is not worthy of me."

Because we surrender ourselves in complete abandonment to the love of God does not mean that we will love our family and friends any less. Actually, because of the kindling of higher aspirations and higher emotions, we will love them all the more. But at the same time a greater and a higher love will have been enkindled in our hearts, and that higher love will so claim our allegiance that, if there is a conflict between the human love and the divine love, the divine allegiance must come first.

THE THIRD PRICE to be paid in the cost of holiness is *A willingness to accept the reproach of the cross.* We must realize that holiness has never been popular and holiness is not popular today. Holiness people who are consistent in their every day living should be and will be respected for their convictions and their standards of living. We must realize, however, that these standards and the faithful adherence to them brings a reproach on those who do not follow them and they may retaliate by persecuting those who follow the way of holiness.

We read in Hebrews 13:12, 13, "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach."

We must always be aware of the reproach that goes with the life of holiness. In many ways you and I will be called upon to face the reproach. Reproach is a part of the price that we must pay.

Another factor that will enter into the experience of holiness and constitute part of that price is *A determination to do the will of God at all costs.* In 1 Thessalonians 4:3 we read, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification."

We must know that God wills that our lives be holy. This is basic and applied to all of us individually. When we find these specific applications we must do them freely, completely, earnestly and unreservedly.

Will we pay the price for God's holiness? God requires all or nothing, and there is no bargaining ground in our relationship with God. The choice is ours. We can pay the price if we will. And remember, the price is quite low when compared with the many benefits given in return, including assurance of Christ's presence, and the confidence that we are pleasing Him.

Valentines from Sue and Sam

Esther Miller Payler

SUE SIGHED: "I haven't saved enough money since Christmas to buy a good valentine for Dad and Mother."

"Neither have I," said her brother Sam.

"Mother always bakes us those good heart cookies and Dad brings us a valentine treat, so we must do something," said Sue, tossing her pig tails so they bounced.

"Yes, but what and what with?" asked Sam, frowning.

"Where can we work, except for Mom or Dad and it wouldn't be fair to have them paying for their own gift like that," said Sue.

"The preacher said last Sunday that God always has ways for solving our problems, if we only ask Him."

"Let's pray and then think as hard as we can."

It was quiet for a few moments and then Sam hummed: "Brighten the Corner." He grinned: "I just thought of something, and is it ever a good idea!"

"Tell me, quick!" cried Sue, her dark eyes sparkling.

"It's so good I'll surprise everyone with it and keep it a secret."

"Stop teasing and tell," pleaded Sue.

"Let's give Dad and Mother something we can do for them. It could be some job they don't like to do," explained Sam.

Sue clapped her hands. "I could make heart paper cut outs for each. We could write on one side the Bible verse: "Love one another." Then on the other side we could write their name and what the job is we will do."

"I'll help Dad clean the car, and bring fireplace wood in for Mother whenever she wants it," said Sam.

"I'll set the table for Mother for a week, and make Dad a batch of his favorite lunch cookies," added Sue proudly.

"What you doing for me?" teased Sam.

"I'll make you a dish of no-cook fudge," said Sue.

"I could wash your bike for you and polish it," said Sam.

"Those are real valentines," said Sue.

"More fun than buying pieces of paper," grinned Sam.

Sue smiled and nodded. "I think so too! I can hardly wait for Valentine's day now to give my gift."

A Story For Children

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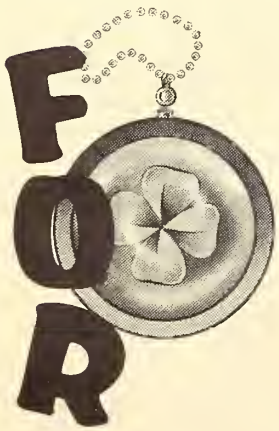
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CHARMS FOR LUCK







DO YOU CARRY a lucky coin or a rabbit's foot? Do you believe that a horseshoe or fourleaf clover will bring you prosperity?

Charms, or "beenas" play an important part in the lives of Indian tribes found in the Amazon jungles. No Indian would dare go on a hunt, take a wife, or undertake anything of importance, without a beena to insure his success.

The leaves of plants of the caladium or elephant's ear family are the most generally used beenas. The species of plant used is governed by the nature of the undertaking planned. Thus, if the Indian is planning a hunt for deer, he will use a variegated leaf. If he plans on killing a tapir, he searches for foliage with white spots. Then, cutting his wrists, he rubs the leaf into the wound. The acrid sap of the leaf stings the Indian with pain, but he thinks this proves the beena is powerful.

These jungle tribes use many other charms. There is the "good luck" bundle with bits of human hair, assorted bones, teeth, and seeds. There is the dried blossom of a certain vine that scheming Indian maidens use as a love charm to win the object of their affections. Dolls, bits of mirror, pebbles, snakes, colored feathers, and hundreds of other objects are thought to bring good fortune.

A white explorer spent some time in a remote Amazon village. The Indians regarded with reverential awe the white man's pocket flashlight and each one coveted this powerful beena that could shine so marvelously in the dark.

Upon leaving the village, the explorer presented his flashlight to the chief. The chief was delighted; however, the powerful beena refused to shine for him because he failed to follow directions. Since he could not make it operate, the chief concluded that the torch was exclusively a white man's charm.

This Indian chief is not unlike a popular young physician in California.

For a long time, Dr. Erskine openly admired his minister's shining Christian witness. His admiration led to a confidential chat one day between the two men. Dr. Erskine frankly expressed his desire to live a glowing Christian life. He told his pastor, "I want what you have, Tom."

The good pastor smiled warmly. "Thanks, Dick. It is my pleasure to put you in touch with the One who gave me what I have. I know He can do the same for you."

He instructed Dr. Erskine to go home and read the four Gospels, noting especially the first and third chapters of John.

THIS THE DOCTOR promised to do, so he went out and bought a Bible. When he returned to his office, he found it crowded with patients, and he had a dinner engagement that night. Days went by, and the lovely Bible he had bought lay collecting dust on a remote shelf in his office.

Then one day, impressed afresh by his pastor's kind and Christ-like character, young Dr. Erskine skimmed through the Gospels. His cursory examination of the Scriptures did not bring about the metamorphosis in his life that he had expected. Why? Because he had failed to follow his pastor's instructions.

Dr. Erskine had failed to find, in the first chapter of John, that Jesus Christ is the true Light coming into this dark world to illumine the hearts and minds of men with the holy light of the gospel. The prominent young physician failed to hear Jesus, in the third chapter of John, solemnly warn a prominent churchman, "Ye *must* be born again."

Dr. Erskine's Bible began to collect dust again on his office shelf, for he abandoned the notion of ever becoming a brilliant Christian like his minister. Just as the Indian chief, he could not make the light shine, but never dreamed that the fault was his.

"Dick, when you reach your office on a dark winter morning, what is the first thing you do?" asked his minister, trying to help.

"Let's see. I snap on the lights, of course."

"Exactly," the pastor smiled. "You make use of the electric power. And if you are to shine

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CAMPUS CALL



Norman D. Jones

National Secretary of Youth Clubs

The Reverend Norman D. Jones, author of this article, is National Secretary of Youth Clubs of our church. He received the A.A. degree from Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee, and the B.A. degree from Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois. Reverend Jones is a licensed minister of the Church of God.

Billy Graham gives college and university crusade work a prominent place in his ministry. Graham, the world's best-known evangelist, sees the strategic role the campus plays in the future of mankind. He knows that from the three million students now enrolled in American schools of higher education will come America's contribution to world leadership. In today's classroom the thinking of tomorrow is being formulated.

One is perplexed, however, when he realizes that of the three million now on America's campuses only five per cent has any active church connection. This means that agnosticism and various other "isms" control today's collegiate world.

Each year between 6,000 and 10,000 Church of God youth attend institutions which are non-evangelical and non-Pentecostal. Suddenly they are face to face with secular-minded and often subtle and perverse thought systems. Yet, if a young man or lady is equipped spiritually and doctrinally, they can be a real witness for Christ on the campuses.

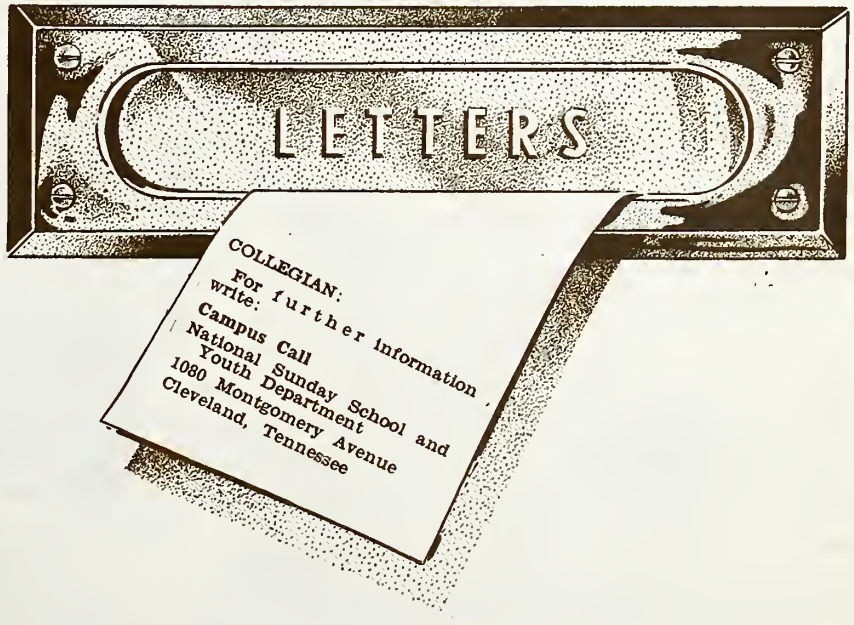
Realizing the challenge to one's faith on the modern campus, the Church of God National Sunday School and Youth Department desires that our church keep close contact with its college youth. But just as important, it hopes that Church of God collegians in both our own and other schools will know that their church is interested in them personally, and in their achievements, problems, and thinking. Our church aims to effectively reach the college campus and is presently seeking to accomplish this in the following ways:

1. By encouraging local churches near college campuses to seek out and fellowship our youth on those campuses.
2. By encouraging the home church of the student to stay in contact with the student.
3. By developing a national department for a college campus ministry.

Each semester (and soon quarterly) the National Office edits a paper titled *Campus Call.* This periodical is sent free of charge to all college and university students who are not attending a Church of God institution and whose names and addresses have been submitted to us. Each month *The Lighted Pathway* will feature a page captioned "Campus Call" which will present a variety of items for the college-minded individual. Also, we hope to present current news releases and articles of higher education in both *The Lighted Pathway* and the *Evangel.*

Added to the above publication services for the college student, the National Department encourages correspondence with its *Campus Call* Office. To this office collegians are also invited to send their prayer requests.

May the Church of God help meet the needs of its youth through their college years!





You Can Be An Active Church Member!

Wallace A. Ely

EVERY CHURCH MEMBER could and should be an active church member. The church should be so organized that every member has an assigned place to serve the Lord. Every member should be an office holder, committee member, or a person with some other assigned duty.

If the church neglects to assign a duty to some member, that member should become active by his or her own choice. Every member should pray every church service. Most of the members will pray silently, but these prayers have proven very effective.

Each member can help build a great fellowship in the church. Every member can be friendly and prove a real friend to all who attend the services whether they be rich or poor, wise or foolish, guilty or just.

If you are a friend to everybody regardless of who they are and regardless of circumstances, the fellowship is great in your church so far as you are concerned. You cannot be a bosom companion to those who are wild and wantonly wicked, but you can befriend them in many ways. Jesus our Lord said, "For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." Your passion should be no less. You should never go forth to condemn sinners, but to lead them to the Son of God whom God sent into the world to save sinners.

A MEMBER OF any church can do much to build the fellowship in his church by his making neighborly visits in the vicinity of his church. When the pastor calls to visit, members of the family usually consider his call more or less an official visit. Other members who call in homes at times other than the stated church visitation time will be regarded as one making friendship visits. When the church members are friends to people seven days a week, they raise their Christian influence above members who only want people to come to church for an increase in attendance and offering.

Make a special effort to speak to visitors who attend your church service. Have a few friendly words with members of your church who do not come regularly, and you will encourage them to come more often. Usually it is best not to mention their irregular church attendance, but simply to show yourself friendly.

Are you an active member,
  The kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented,
  That your name is on the list?

Do you attend all meetings,
  And mingle with the flock?
Or do you stay at home,
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for Christ, you must make use of God's power. To do that you need a true connection with Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Briefly, you need a born-again experience, Dick."

"But I thought—"

The pastor, with an understanding smile, patted his arm. He knew what young Dr. Erskine was thinking. The doctor thought he could buy salvation by writing handsome checks to underwrite his church's building program.

In a way, Dr. Erskine is not unlike the Indian who slashes his arm and rubs a caladium leaf into the wound in order that the "good spirits" will prosper his hunt. Before we laugh at this poor Indian and his friends who carry bags of bones or "sacred" stones to bring them luck, let us ask ourselves if we are not behaving equally foolish to believe heaven's blessing is ours because we carry a lucky coin, a silver cross, or a Bible.

The solid Christian depends on no charms for luck. He puts his trust in Christ and His cross. He believes the Scripture, "Blessed is the man . . . whose delight is in the law of the Lord . . . whatsoever he doeth shall prosper" (Psalm 1).

LION BY THE TAIL

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have no right to say such things about him, I don't feel that he is being unfair to me!"

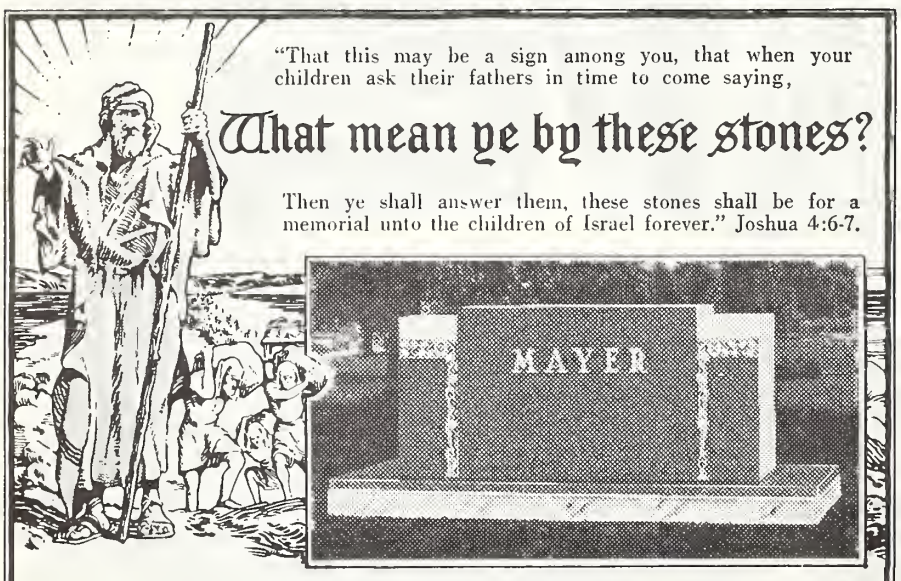
Even before she had finished speaking, her heart rebuked her and she felt a sharp stab of guilt because she knew this was not her true feeling. Her uncle moved his arm and stood slowly.

"My dear, I know how you must feel, but please try to understand and forgive me if I seem to be meddling. I'm talking to you now not as your uncle but as your pastor. There are some relationships in life that will not work out for God's will no matter how much you may want them to and the only sensible thing you can do is give them up.

"If you continue to hold to them they will come between you and God. It's like having a lion by the tail, if you turn him loose he'll turn around and attack you and if you hold on he'll drag you to death. It hurts very much either way but it's much better to turn loose quickly, then the hurt is over and it will soon heal but if you hold on the damage may be lasting. You must decide which you will do."

HE WALKED SLOWLY out leaving Jorene in the darkening sanctuary. Tears of shame and remorse trinkled slowly down her face and splattered on the front of her dress. She had known for a long time that she must do something but she could not face giving up the friendship completely. Her pride had not let her think for a long time of all the things she did

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"That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come saying,

What mean ye by these stones?

Then ye shall answer them, these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever." Joshua 4:6-7.

Just as Joshua commanded the twelve men of Israel to build with perfect stones a monument to commemorate the passing over Jordan—

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Wallace A. Ely

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The love of God will right the wrongs,
When Christ the inmates have confessed.

When homes are founded on His will,
The best will come to each and all,
For God will lend a listening ear
Each and every time they call.

A CHRISTIAN HOME

Walter E. Isenhour

If I could paint as artists do
I'd paint a lofty hill,
And o'er the hill I'd paint the clouds
So lovely, calm and still;
And on the hill I'd paint the grass,
With daisies here and there,
And children saying, "Oh, how nice,
Let's wear them in our hair."

And then I'd paint a little house—
A peaceful cottage home—
From whence the children on the hill
Had gone to play and roam;
And near the house, with anxious gaze,
I'd paint a mother sweet,
With hands uplifted, saying, "Lord,
Please guide my darling's feet."

Inside the little cottage home
I'd paint a picture rare—
The family kneeling in a room
In earnest, sincere prayer;
The Bible in the father's hand
With smiles upon his face,
And lovely mottoes on the walls,
Bespeaking God's sweet grace.

And then I'd skip across the years
And paint another scene,
When all the children, gone from home,
With records clear and clean,
Were filling places high in trust
Both in the church and state,
And then as artist I would say:
"It's noble to be great."

YOUR HOME AND MINE

Florence A. Renner

Your home, in order to be worthy,
My home, to be serenely blessed,
Must have love reigning in its borders,
Must have Christ as its daily guest.

For Christ can lift our heavy burdens,
Or solve the problems life may hold.
He is our Light, our Life, our Wisdom;
He's far more precious than earth's gold.

A Christless home can lend no comfort
When bitter, withering winds prevail;
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The Willard, Ohio, Sunday School

It's all over! The Church of God at Willard, Ohio, just ended a very successful Sunday school campaign. The attendance averaged 226 over a six week period. On the Sunday prior to the beginning of the campaign, the attendance was 160 and the last Sunday of the contest the attendance was 270. We are all thankful for this outstanding increase.

The church was organized in a military manner. The workers volunteered and were chosen by Captain Arthur Kennard or by Captain George Lillo. Captain Kennard had command of Company A which had twenty-two members. Captain Lillo had command of Company B which also had twenty-two members. These company commanders each had their respective companies broken down into two squads, each having a leader. The chain of command had the responsibility of closely supervising the efforts of the company members.

Each member was requested to make a minimum of two visits for the Sunday school each week. Each visit earned five points for his or her visit. A visitor or a recruit earned ten points. It was a grueling battle down to the very last.

Enthusiasm ran high and everyone talked about winning the contest. The reason was self-evident because the winning company would present the Church of God Home for Children, Sevierville, Tennessee, with four tricycles. The two company commanders competed Sunday after Sunday with points until finally Company A made its final big push and victory was theirs. The splendid cooperation by everyone made this campaign a success.

A total of $370 was raised during the four-week drive. The campaign ended with a box social at the church. Runners-up in the drive were Carolyn Flatter and Glenna Murphy. The Teen Department is sponsored by Bruce Powell, Mable Wills and Elsie Murphy.

Jack Muncy, Y.P.E. President
Clayton St. Church of God
Middletown, Ohio



LEADERS IN FUND DRIVE

June Day and Gary Mockbee were crowned king and queen for raising the most money in a fund-raising drive at the Clayton Street Church of God. The drive was conducted by the Teen Department to help pay for air-conditioning the Youth Center of the church.

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for him and how little he did to return the favors. She remembered with sharp pangs of guilt her neglect of God and his work during the past months. The evenings that she had skipped prayer service to help Edward with his work loomed up in front of her and she burned with shame to remember how many others she would have missed had

it not been for a sense of obligation to her Uncle.

It suddenly became very clear to her that her offense had not been to her Uncle or the Church but to God. Somewhere from the deep recesses of almost forgotten thought, she remembered the commandment—"I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." Always before this had applied to an ancient people who were prone to worship idols but now its meaning was for her, and other gods were not images of wood or metal but thoughts and feelings and relationships.

It was Thursday; she and Edward had planned to work on a tax case but he had called her early in the day and told her that he had not finished enough for her to type so he planned to spend the evening working alone. Jorene knew she must go now and find him and tell him. She slipped into an old raincoat that she had found hanging in the closet off the vestibule and started out into the night. The law office was located near the end of the main street and as she passed the brightly lighted windows, the stares of the late shoppers served to remind her of her uncovered head and damp wind-blown hair.

She stopped in the shadows of an alley and searched through her pockets for a comb. A red sports car drew up by the curb so near her that the water splashed on her feet. She recognized the car as Edward's and started forward instinctively but she saw that he was not alone. She drew back into the shadows and watched as he helped a very attractive, beautifully dressed blond girl from the car. She held his arm and said something in very soft tones as they moved away. Their laughter drifted back to her after they had disappeared into the dimly-lit night club.

It started to rain harder and the tears mingled with the big drops on her face as she started in the direction of home. The lion had been turned loose.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

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NATION'S TOP TEN IN HOME DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE

Total Monthly Attendance for November

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	5,895
East Gadsden, Alabama	1,105
East Lumberton, North Carolina	862
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina	822
Gaffney, South Carolina	800
Atlanta (Hemphill Avenue), Georgia	575
Landis, North Carolina	547
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Florida	507
Vicco, Kentucky	488
Princeton, West Virginia	472

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia	48
Georgia	27
South Carolina	26
Florida	22
Michigan	21
Alabama	18
North Carolina	16
Oklahoma	16
Ohio	14
Illinois	11
Kentucky	11
Maryland	11
Pennsylvania	11

REPORT OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962	34
New Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962	36
Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962	70

TEN HIGHEST CHURCHES IN NO. OF PERSONAL VISITS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

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NOTE: Every Sunday school should report their visits to their state director.

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), Scuth Carolina	40,781
Edgemere, Maryland	1,823
Chase, Maryland	1,500
Dillon, South Carolina	1,460
Ncrth Birmingham, Alabama	1,306
Darlington, South Carolina	1,118
East Bernstadt, Kentucky	764
Lexington (Seventh Street), Kentucky	631
Birmingham (Pratt City), Alabama	625
Fort Mill, South Carolina	600

CORRECTION

The Tennessee State Office has notified us that they should have listed the Mount Olive Church as having an average weekly attendance of 184 in Sunday school for the month of September.

CORRECTION

We have been notified that the Virginia State Office should have listed the Newport News Church as having an average weekly attendance in Sunday school of 378 for the month of October.

CORRECTION

In the Youth Camp report printed in the November issue of the Lighted Pathway, Pennsylvania should have been listed as having a registration of 267.

CORRECTION

The Nassau (Faith Temple), Bahamas Church should have been listed as having an average weekly attendance in Sunday school of 256 for the month of August.

Young People's Endeavor

Average Weekly Attendance
November 1962

200 and Over

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	325
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	292
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	287
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	264
Fayetteville ("C" and Adams), North Carolina	232
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee	231
Boonville, Mississippi	209

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Goldsboro, North Carolina	194
Greenwood, South Carolina	192
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia	187
Parkersburg, West Virginia	184
Greer, South Carolina	183
Flint (West), Michigan	181
Gap Hill, South Carolina	180
Stanley, North Carolina	178
Albermarle, North Carolina	176
Erwin, North Carolina	165
Carboro, North Carolina	160
Rock Hill, South Carolina	159
Freeburn, Kentucky	157
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania	153
South Gastonia, North Carolina	152
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio	150
Lebanon, Ohio	150
Whitwell, Tennessee	150

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Greenville, North Carolina	146
Garden City, Florida	145
Langley, South Carolina	140
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama	139
Sparta, Tennessee	138
Wilson, North Carolina	137
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida	136
Krafton, Alabama	135
Caruthersville, Missouri	135
Columbia, South Carolina	132
Norwood, North Carolina	130
Cincinnati (Hatmaker), Ohio	128
Chattanooga (North), Tennessee	127
Lakeland (Lake Wire), Florida	126
White Hall, South Carolina	126
Austin, Indiana	125
Tampa (Buffalo Avenue), Florida	124
Lexington, North Carolina	124
Lancaster, South Carolina	123
Pomona, California	122
Rifle Range, Florida	122
Fairmont, North Carolina	122
Franklin, Ohio	121
Ruby, South Carolina	121
Sumiton, Alabama	120
Nassau (Faith Temple), Bahamas	120
Pinellas Park, Florida	120
Leaf, Mississippi	120
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania	120
Swift Current, Canada	119
Baxley, Georgia	119
Baldwin, Georgia	119
Monroe (4th Street), Michigan	119
Gaffney, South Carolina	119
East Lumberton, North Carolina	117
Johnson City, Tennessee	116
Anderson (McDuffie), South Carolina	115
Dillon, South Carolina	115
Cleveland (South), Tennessee	115
Hazard, Kentucky	114
Wyandotte, Michigan	114
Saddle Tree, North Carolina	112
Williamsburg, Pennsylvania	112
Fort Mill, South Carolina	112
Ft. Worth (Riverside), Texas	112
Homer, Georgia	111
McColl, South Carolina	111
Poplar, California	110
Orlando (Orange Avenue), Florida	110
Douglas, Georgia	110
Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio	110
Lake Worth, Florida	109
Vicco, Kentucky	109
Greenwood (South), South Carolina	107
Memphis (Park Avenue), Tennessee	107
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Florida	106
Sewanee, Tennessee	106
Kenosha, Wisconsin	106
Fresno (H/M), California	105
Wilmington (4th), North Carolina	105
Hemingway, South Carolina	105
Millville, West Virginia	104
Jesup, Georgia	104
Van Dyke, Michigan	103
Columbus (Belvidere), Ohio	103
Bladenboro, North Carolina	102
Lawton, Ohio	102
Loris, South Carolina	102
Cleveland (North), Tennessee	102
East Durham, North Carolina	101
Iowa Park, Texas	101
Matheny, West Virginia	101
Perry, Florida	100
Bremen, Georgia	100
South Mt. Zion, Georgia	100

Richmond, Kentucky	100
Brookiyn, Maryland	100
Mt. Carmei, North Caroiina	100
Bennettsviiie, South Caroiina	100
Fiorence, South Carolina	100

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Miami (Hialeah), Fiorida	99
Piant City, Florida	99
Crumbieys Chapei, Alabama	98
Belie Giade, Fiorida	98
Mishawaha (Milburn), Indiana	98
Cawood, Kentucky	98
West Liberty, Kentucky	98
Asheboro, North Caroiina	98
Scuth Lebanon, Ohio	98
Dailas (Oak Cliff), Texas	98
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Daisy, Tennessee	96
Tifton, Georgia	95
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San Pabio, California	94
Coiiinsviiie, Iiiinois	94
Chicago (Roseland), Iiiinois	94
Dressen, Kentucky	94
Newark, Ohio	94
Winnsboro, South Caroiina	94
Sevierviiie (High Street), Tennessee	94
Anniston, Alabama	93
Vanceburg, Kentucky	93
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Brunswick, Georgia	91
Central City, Kentucky	91
River Rouge, Michigan	91
Jacksonviiie (Kings Highway), Fiorida	90
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Dayton (Richland), Ohio	90
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Cieveiand (Fuiton), Ohio	86
Ciover, South Caroiina	86
York, South Caroiina	86
Santa Ana, Caiifornia	85
Crescent Springs, Kentucky	85
Abbeviiie, South Caroiina	85
Fort Pierce, Fiorida	84
Carroiiton, Georgia	84
Washington, D. C.	84
Capitoi Heights, Maryiand	84
Arcadia, Fiorida	83
Mount Dora, Fiorida	83
Napies, Fiorida	83
Buford, Georgia	83
Pontiac, Michigan	83
Cumberiand, North Caroiina	83
Thomasviiie, North Caroiina	83
East Soddy, Tennessee	83
Lenoir City, Tennessee	83
Ciearwater, Fiorida	82
Savannah (Derenne Avenue), Georgia	82
Greenviiie (Woodside), South Caroiina	82
Pasco, Washington	82
Masseyiine, Aiabama	81
Skyiine, Aiabama	81
Aima, Georgia	81
Newport, Kentucky	81
Winchester, Kentucky	81
Thorn, Mississippi	81
Pembroke, North Caroiina	81
Anderson (Homeiand Park), South Caroiina	81
North, South Caroiina	81
Wcodruff, South Caroiina	81
Bancroft, Tennessee	81
Knoxviiie (A Avenue), Tennessee	81
Brownfieid, Texas	81
Springhiii, Aiabama	80
Haines City, Florida	80
Piney Grove, Georgia	80
Easton, Maryiand	80
Lucedaie, Mississippi	80
Pinetop, North Caroiina	80
Cincinnati (Eastern), Ohio	80
Chester, South Caroiina	80
Ciinton, South Caroiina	80
Nettieton, Arkansas	79
Mt. Oiivet, Georgia	79
Ciinton, North Caroiina	79
Ashiand, Ohio	79
Ciyde, South Caroiina	79
Spartanburg (South Church), South Caroiina	79
Hiwassee, Tennessee	79
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Paris, Texas	79
Geneva, Aiabama	78
Birmingham (Pike Avenue), Aiabama	78
Sayre, Aiabama	78
Ontario, Caiifornia	78
Kokcmo (Market), Indiana	78
Miiford, Deiaware	78
Grand Rapids, Michigan	78
Hcpe Miiis, North Caroiina	78
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Oxford, Ohio	78
Anderson (Osborne Avenue), South Caroiina	78
Nashviiie (Meridian Street), Tennessee	78
Eikins, West Virginia	78
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Four Oaks, North Caroiina	76
Duniap, Tennessee	76
Memphis (Barton Heights), Tennessee	76
Meibourne, Fiorida	75
Miami (West), Fiorida	75
West Frankfort, Iiiinois	75
Troutman, North Caroiina	75
Bishopviiie, South Caroiina	75

SPIRITUAL RESULTS AMONG OUR YOUTH

November 30, 1962

Saved	5,437
Sanctified	2,074
Filled With Holy Ghost	1,552
Added to the Church	961

Since June 30, 1962

Saved	15,752
Sanctified	6,553
Filled With Holy Ghost	5,099
Added to the Church	4,196
Report of New Y.P.E.'s Since June 30, 1962	49

CORRECTION

The North Carolina State Office has notified us that they should have listed the Goldsboro Church as having an average weekly attendance of 256 in Y.P.E. for the month of October.

CORRECTION

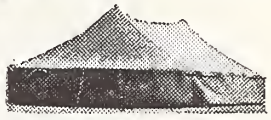
The South Carolina State Office has advised us that the following churches should have been listed in the Ten Largest Home Departments for the month of July:

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	6,833
Gaffney, South Carolina	500

Also the following churches should have been listed in the Ten Highest Churches in Number of Personal Visits by Sunday School Workers:

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	1,200
Fort Mill, South Carolina	500
Darlington, South Carolina	270

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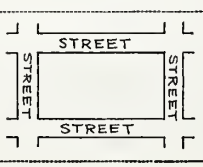
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Sunday School

Average Weekly Attendance
November 1962

(500 and Over)

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	834
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	658
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	502
Griffin, Georgia	501

(400-499)

Cleveland (North), Tennessee	498
Atlanta (Hemphill Avenue), Georgia	490
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	457
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida	455
Wilmington, North Carolina	431
Anderson (McDuffie Street), South Carolina	428
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio	401

(300-399)

South Gastonia, North Carolina	394
Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio	383
Dayton (Oakridge Drive), Ohio	379
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina	374
Lakeland (Lake Wire), Florida	371
Fairborn, Ohio	369
Tampa (Buffalo Avenue), Florida	364
Erwin, North Carolina	358
Chattanooga (North), Tennessee	358
Newport News, Virginia	354
Buford, Georgia	337
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama	327
Rock Hill, South Carolina	323
Orlando (Orange Avenue), Florida	317
Avondale Estates, Georgia	313
Dillon, South Carolina	313
Anderson (Osborne Avenue), South Carolina	312
Austin, Indiana	310
Cleveland (South), Tennessee	309
Sumiton, Alabama	304
Detroit (Tabernacle), Michigan	302
West Flint, Michigan	301
Monroe (Fourth Street), Michigan	301

(200-299)

Whitwell, Tennessee	297
Jesup, Georgia	292
Daisy, Tennessee	291
Nassau (Faith Temple), Bahamas	287
Milford, Delaware	283
East Lumberton, North Carolina	281
Lenoir City, Tennessee	281
Savannah (Derenne Avenue), Georgia	275
Chattanooga (East), Tennessee	273
Winchester, Kentucky	267
Van Dyke, Michigan	267
Columbia, South Carolina	267
West Gastonia, North Carolina	266
Alabama City, Alabama	260
South Rocky Mount, North Carolina	260
Greenville (Woodside Avenue), South Carolina	259
Vicco, Kentucky	258
Phoenix (44th Street), Arizona	255
Goldsboro, North Carolina	255
Akron (Market), Ohio	255
Fort Mill, South Carolina	255
Baldwin Park, California	254
Rome (North), Georgia	254
Pontiac, Michigan	254
Wilson, North Carolina	253
Somerset, Kentucky	251
Pulaski, Virginia	250
Edgemere, Maryland	249
Saddle Tree, North Carolina	247
Greer, South Carolina	246
Chase, Maryland	245
Cincinnati (Hatmaker), Ohio	239
Krafton, Alabama	237
Langley, South Carolina	235
Nashville (North), Tennessee	234
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee	232
Radford, Virginia	231
Louisville (Highland Park), Kentucky	229
Salisbury, Maryland	226
Plant City, Florida	223
Lawton, Oklahoma	223
Atlanta (Riverside), Georgia	219
East Laurinburg, North Carolina	219
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Brooklyn, Maryland 218
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Lancaster, Ohio 213
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Johnson City, Tennessee 211
South Lebanon, Ohio 210
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Jacksonville (Lane Avenue), Florida 208
Williamsburg, Pennsylvania 208
Lake City, South Carolina 208
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Greenwood, South Carolina 207
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Georgetown, South Carolina 206
Brunswick (Norwich Street), Georgia .. 204
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West Liberty, Kentucky 202
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Franklin, Ohio 201
Tifton, Georgia 200
East Belmont, North Carolina 200

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YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW

By AVIS SWIGER

Is it wrong for a Christian to wear a pin for decoration on a dress?

Let me answer this in the same way that I have answered many other questions. Seek your answer from three sources: the Bible, church teachings, and local church practice.

Every time "pin" appears in the Bible (that is only in the Old Testament) it means a nail or fastener for walls or boards, it has no reference to an ornament to be worn by a person. The word **ornament** appears twenty times in the Old Testament but is found only once in the New Testament. Read Proverbs 25:11, 12; Proverbs 4:6-9; Proverbs 1:7-9; these all speak of ornaments as good things. Exodus 33:4, 5, 6; 2 Samuel 1:24 and Jeremiah 2:32. These passages speak of ornaments as something which was commonly worn. They wore them on the ears, legs, and arms and not, as far as I can tell, as pins are worn today.

Our church teachings mention nothing about "pins" explicitly. We are against the wearing of jewelry for ornamentation—such as necklaces and finger rings (aside from wedding bands).

I feel that all members of the church should be faithful to the local group where their membership is. If you would hinder some members of your church by wearing pins—or other ornaments—you should be willing to put them aside for the sake of harmony and fellowship. See Romans 16:17; Mark 9:42, 43; Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:13; 2 Timothy 2:22 and Hebrews 12:14.

Now follow what seems right in the light of these things.

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YOUTH AND MISSIONS

SINCE SAINT PAUL went to Macedonia or William Carey to India, God has used young people in mission work. A Church of God girl gave herself to missions while only fourteen years of age. She made this dedication after hearing a missionary to Tunisia speak in the Lee College auditorium. Six years later, after formal scholastic preparation, she took up her work as our only missionary in the far-away land of Tunisia.

Before he was twenty years of age, a brilliant college graduate went with his new bride to resume overseership of our work in Haiti. The work thrived under his leadership. At this writing a studious, consecrated twenty-two-year-old graduate of the Bible division of Lee College is preparing to leave for Hong Kong, China, to represent her church while she studies the Chinese language.

Today in Japan a young lady, who is a well-trained schoolteacher from Mississippi, teaches the children of servicemen during the day. At night she teaches eager Japanese youth English—using Bibles as textbooks! She then invites her Japanese students to the Church of God to worship.

Throughout our mission work the Lord is using our youth with the older workers to further His cause. Actually, it is often the case that one goes as a missionary in his youth and, with intermittent furloughs, spends his life on the field.

The word *missions* comes from the Latin *mitto* and means "I send." A missionary, then, is one sent of God. The young people who go to the far corners of the earth are sent by God to carry out Christ's commission to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . ."; they are disciples of Christ; they are "sent ones."

William Carey is generally conceded to have been the father of modern missions. This Englishman went to India in 1792 as a missionary at the age of thirty-one years. Until his time missionary work had been only the spasmodic efforts of individuals or small groups.

Carey brought about a general zeal and wide-spread effort for missions the like of which had not been known since the Apostles. This young man was able to instigate an organized, systematic effort for missions the effects of which have been ever spreading to this day.

The first Church of God missionary was not a young person, but in contrast was a retired minister. E. M. Evans arrived in Nassau, New Providence Island, the Bahamas, on January 4, 1910, and became the first Church of God missionary. Since that meager beginning our mission work has steadily grown. Today we are one of the few denominations in America with more members on foreign soil than in this country. We have mission works in sixty-four countries.

Yes, the church has a consuming zeal for missions, and its youth has played a major role in its missionary effort. Many of our missionaries are under thirty-years of age.

Though these stalwarts have been successful, success has not come without hard work. Laboring against seemingly insurmountable adversities, they have hewn churches out of stark heathenism. In some areas they have been opposed and hated; they have been despised in the same heathenish manner that Samuel Wilberforce states:

> If I were a cassowary
> On the plains of Timbuctoo,
> I would eat a missionary,
> Coat and bands and hymnbook, too.

But in spite of such opposition, Church of God youth has marched forward for missions.

However, all of our youth can't carry the banner on foreign soil. Some must work here for missions, and they are doing this in a most commendable manner. Having completed a twenty-thousand-dollar project for a new church in Brasila, Brazil, two years ago, the youth throughout the church raised the same amount last year for a church and youth center in Tokyo, Japan.

With projects too numerous to mention, our youth will raise money this year to build a church and youth center in Bombay, India. Besides this, youth groups throughout the country contribute bicycles, motor boats and other items to missions. Thank God for Church of God missions and for the consequential role our youth plays in our mission effort.

Clyne W. Buxton

The STAND-by

Grace Cash





NOW THAT SHE had learned where the new boy went for lunch each day, Stella Barrett looked for him each time she entered Old Inn diner for lunch. Since she had first seen him alone at a small table in a back corner, it seemed as though they had said something to each other.

Not that they could have said much, for, until today, she had lunched at the cafe with Howie Edwards whom she had known all the nineteen years of her life. Today she had made the excuse that she had shopping to do afterward, so that she could come alone. It was convenient for Howie to lunch with her since he too worked at Hosch Company. It had always been convenient—too convenient—for Howie to go along like her shadow everywhere she went.

The new man was not there when Stella arrived; so she chose the table nearest the one where he usually ate. At once she picked up the menu and pretended to be studying it, slowly and methodically. By the time the waitress stopped for her order, he was at his table.

Stella quietly gave her order as though oblivious of his entrance. Just then two couples entered, looking vainly for a vacant table. The waitress looked at Stella, then at the strange young man, and obtaining an eye-language assent from the young man, she nodded to Stella.

"Would you two mind sharing the same table?" the waitress asked.

"Not at all," Stella and the young man replied in unison.

While the couples seated themselves, the waitress took the young man's order, then parked her pencil behind her ear and waited for the foursome to make up their minds. His order in, the young man smiled across the table at Stella.

"I am Denward Anderson," he said. "I'm an accountant at Rogers Wholesale House. Denward Anderson from Westover. Now it's your turn. Though it seems strange to ask your name. It seems as if I've known someone like you before."

Stella laughed. "It couldn't be," she said. "I haven't been anywhere but Clermount." She then told him her name, where she worked, and that it was her first job. "I've been with Hosch Company a year, ever since I graduated from high school."

"And the boy friend?" he asked.

"Oh, him." Stella dismissed Howie with a deep-drawn sigh. "He's just an old stand-by."

Denward Anderson drew a heavy breath. "That's a load off me," he said. "I was afraid you were engaged."

Stella did not want him to know that half the people in Clermount, all the people in Wicker—the village ten miles south of Clermount where she and Howie lived, had believed ever since Stella and Howie were ten that they might get married any day. And so she felt a need to explain about Howie.

"He's nice—if you like nice people," she told Denward as the waitress brought their orders. Alone again she continued: "He's six months older than I am, about your age," she said, and paused for him to confirm or deny her guess.

"I'm twenty-three," he grinned. "An old man to you, honey."

"Old!" she exclaimed. "Do you think I like to rob the cradle? Though its sometimes forced on one."

"Really?" He raised a heavy black eyebrow. "Pray explain before I get a mental picture of Frankenstein parents."

STELLA CLINCHED her hands, feeling quick resentment for her parents. She knew they were good, kind, and beneficent in so far as their worldly goods allowed. However, with five little brothers, her father had to stretch his shoe factory salary until it was threadbare. That was why she couldn't go to college and had taken this job. Howie had much the same story; yet he was attending night classes at the college, studying to be an electrician. There was definitely nothing wrong with either of their parents.

She shook her head. "No, nobody caused it, just circumstances," she said. "Howie and I were born in adjoining houses to parents who were lifelong friends, and we were marked for each other without anybody saying a word—that sort of thing."

"Of course, he carried your books to school for you and never, never pulled your pigtails and made you cry," Denward grinned.

Stella nodded. It was true. Howie had never been other than gentle with her. That's what she meant about being nice. He was a Boy Scout leader and taught a class of ten-year-old boys in Sunday school; at church socials, if there was lemonade to make, errands to run, or any under-dog job to be done, Howie did it.

"A girl gets tired of the same schedule, that's all," she said. "Maybe she would do better if she looked around."

"I think she would, ninety-nine times out of a hundred," Denward agreed. "Now that we've salted Howie away in moth balls, how would you like to see a movie with me tonight?"

"I'd like it," she replied eagerly. She knew it was wrong to go to movies, but she wanted excitement. Howie did not go to movies.

Denward arranged to meet her at the office at five o'clock and she mentally arranged to call her parents in Wicker and tell them she was having dinner at Sue Ledford's house where she often ate. "I'll drive you home afterwards," he said.

An hour later Stella found an opportunity to call home. Her mother answered. "Of course, dear, it's all right to go to Sue's," Mrs. Barrett said. "Your father and I are going to sit with Aunt Clara at the hospital; it may be late when we get in, but we'll leave the lights on for you."

Stella felt a constriction in her throat as she said good-bye. She was not used to lying. She had never had to fabricate stories in her life. But how could she explain that she was going to a movie with someone she had just met? Remembering Denward, her face flowed warmly. He was so tall, dark and strong and knew his way around. He was not so taken up with this duty and that duty, until he had no time to remember that he was a man.

True to his promise, Denward Anderson met her at the door at five. Stella heard whispered "oh's" and "ah's" from a half-dozen secretaries, as she left the Franklin Building with Denward. And when they reached the corner of Main and Broad, Stella met Vera Lerner from Wicker. Stella must have looked petrified, for Vera said, "If you're afraid I'll tell Howie, calm down. It's a free world."

"So it's gone that far," Denward frowned, when Vera merged with the afternoon job-holders.

"Oh, everybody thinks so," Stella answered tiredly. The March air was heavy with humidity, the clouds drooped low, and there was a blackness over the earth. "I think it's going to storm," she remarked fearfully.

"We'll be under a shelter if it does," he assured her. "What say we see the sensation at the Roxy? Unless you'd rather see something else?"

Stella did not know one picture from another. She and Howie did things differently; it would never occur to Howie to think he had to "entertain" her. Theirs was a fifty-fifty partnership. Come to think of it, she never did anything for Howie and he never did anything for her. She guessed the difference was that Denward was a man; Howie couldn't hold a candle to Denward.

"Whatever you say," Stella told him.

They saw the "sensation." The billboards out front showed pictures of shrieking, terrified men and women, of Frankenstein monsters, of lightning streaking through the sky. In great large letters a sign warned, NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PEOPLE OF NERVOUS DISPOSITION. Another sign suggested, "Bring your own tranquilizers! Please try not to faint." It was called *The Female Creature.*

ABOUT THE MIDDLE of the picture, Denward clutched Stella's hand and whispered, "Gee, this is a great picture."

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A compassionate youth reveals her thoughts as she observes a cripple.

SPARK OF THE MASTER

Lyvona Adkins

IT WAS COLD and raining. I hurried across the street and ducked beneath the shelter of a spacious department store's awning. I shivered in the brisk winter's air and flicked a few stray beads of water from my coat sleeve.

Suddenly amidst the din of the afternoon, I heard a faint, and yet distinct sound—a banjo! As I gazed about, my eyes fell upon the limp form of a man nearby. His eyes were a faded blue, his hair lay grey across his temples, and his legs were almost invisible, being cramped beneath his frail frame. One of his legs was withered and drawn, yet anchored to his physique by a cumbersome steel brace. Across from it, on the chilled sidewalk, lay his remaining leg, merely a "stub" which protruded twelve or thirteen inches from his hip socket.

My pity for him rose as I watched his agile fingers begin to pluck at the strings of the tarnished banjo. His left hand darted up and down the neck of the instrument, skillfully pressing the metal frets; yet the manner of his keen actions still seemed to reflect a burdened mind, a weary body, and a heavy laden soul.

How long, I wondered, had this precious soul trudged along in this condition with the army of mankind? Could that cold stub bring memories of roaring planes, thundering machine guns, and the stifling medical tent with its groans of dying soldiers flashing back to his mind? Were there moments of agonizing pain as the crude surgical instruments began to tear into the flesh of his rotting limb?

As I pondered all these things, into my mind drifted the picture of a frail little woman who also had trudged life's road, hopelessly afflicted in her body. For years she had sought the assistance of countless physicians, but to no avail. Then, I saw her one day, her face lit with the fire of determination. She shouldered her way through the noisy, clamoring throng until finally her feeble little fingers were grasping at the hem of a garment. The garment was worn by a young Nazarene. I felt warm tears welling into my eyes as I thought of how wonderful it would be if only this Nazarene could pass by today.

I knew his eyes would be warm and filled with compassion as he would gaze upon my friend here on the street. He would notice the little cigar box which lay upon the damp sidewalk dotted with nickles and dimes and quarters beside my friend. How this scene would remind Him of the lepers who sat outside the gates of his native city, begging for morsels of food and thirsting for drops of water for their parched throats.

From across the street, the town clock began to sound the hours. As its chiming resounded throughout the small town, the man's glance turned skyward and his tired blue eyes beheld the face of the huge timepiece. Its chiming seemed to mysteriously whisper a new hope for the weary stranger as he clutched the banjo closer to him and his hand began to strum the metal strings with a new zeal.

Of what did the clock's chiming speak, I wondered. Did it bring to his mind a nourishing dinner which would soon be awaiting him; or did it speak of the rapidly approaching hours of solacing darkness when he could find rest for his weak body?

Softly my lips began to move in a whispered prayer, "O God, may the blessed Resurrection likewise speak of a stirring hope for this poor soul." How precious is the thought of the day when his legs may be restored as he walks on glittering streets of gold. How my heart yearned for assurance that he would be in the first resurrection!

Then my eyes momentarily fell upon the passers-by who walked by the beggar's box. The resounding "clink" of the coins as they dropped from the people's hands spoke silently of the generosity and good-will that lay nestled within their hearts. People are good, I thought; God bless them.

THEN I OBSERVED a man as he approached the beggar's box. His gait was that of a swaggerer; his robust frame was clad in blue overalls and a checkered

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• An Eyewitness Account

Youth and Communism

By Dave Breese

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LAST AUGUST I stood on a street corner in Helsinki, Finland, and saw 15,000 teen-agers march by. They were singing of their commitment to Communism.

They were soon to return to 142 countries of earth to translate their fierce dedication into revolutionary activity in their own cities and towns. Young people around the world are on the march today. Tragically, however, more are parading for Communism than are marching in the cause of Jesus Christ.

Why? There are two reasons. First, young people have insufficient motivation in the cause of Christ; and, second, they have not been presented with a clear program that answers the question, "What can I do?"

If yours is a young heart that is truly concerned to take the one life you will ever live in this world and do something about the spiritual struggle of our age, then I would like the privilege of passing on some suggestions to you. Be sure, however, that you are truly serious about being used as a soldier of the cross, for this is no longer a "gentlemen's war."

One moment of prayer or one hour of activity is no longer the answer. The cause of faith and of freedom will demand from you protracted effort. It calls for persistent, divinely inspired activity for all of the years of this lifetime. If dedication means less than this to you, now is the time to quit . . . to fall back to the rear and the enslaved.

If you are still aboard, let us take some time to answer the question, "What can I do?"

Begin a study program. The real struggle for our world is a battle for the minds of men, not one of bombs and guns and bullets. First of all, therefore, you must work to develop your mind. Make yourself an authority on the Word of God, and build it into the very fiber of your heart and life. The Word of God is able to make you wise unto salvation. A mind well prepared in the Word will not go far wrong. Take one hour a day for the most intense Bible study you have ever known.

Become a reader of good books that face the problem. There is abundant material available today for your study. The United States Government as well as private publishers have produced dozens of volumes that should soon find their place on your bookshelf.

Make yourself aware of world problems. It is no longer possible for you to be just an innocent citizen of your little city, because your town is part of the world. What happens in the Congo or Formosa or West Berlin can well affect you within minutes. News magazines are published every week bringing to your doorstep the current issues of our world today.

Think of yourself as being a citizen of the world, individually responsible to be aware of its problems. Your decisions can be no better than the facts available to you. Get the facts, then you can make the decisions.

Become a Christian "agitator." The only thing any one of us can do about the problems of our world is to begin where we are and use the means at our disposal. The circle of friends that you have—this is "your world." Keep the conversations of that group from sinking to talk of clothes and cars and fads rather than vital issues.

You can become the most stimulating person in that group by constantly pressing the conversation into the realm of the spiritual, applying it to the problem that your country faces. Refuse to join the ranks of Christian "neutralists"; rather stand tall, throw your shoulders back and start being an influence for Christ.

Get your pen out. As never before local newspaper and national magazines are carrying "Letters to the Editor" and they would be ever so happy to hear from you. A letter to your Congressman can be of great significance. Most people are so lazy that they never write anyone. Knowing this, those who control masses of people know that one letter represents the opinion of literally hundreds of people. You can be of wide influence even now by adding your voice to the cause of Christ and the cause of freedom.

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Mr. Dave Breese is Executive Director of the Chicogoland Youth for Christ.

The 8th World Festival of Youth and Students for Peace and Friendship held in Helsinki, Finland, was Mr. Breese's most recent trip in his world travels.

This festival conducted by the Communists serves as background for the challenge which Mr. Breese presents.



Dave Breese •

LOYALTY

A CALL FOR

BY DONALD S. AULTMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

This spring Church of God Sunday schools and Youth Endeavors will send out a strong appeal for spiritual stewardship. This emphasis will occur during the Sunday school Loyalty Campaign, April 14-June 2; and during Youth Week, April 14-21. The theme, "A Call for Stewardship" strikes forcefully at the center of Christian living as taught by Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20, "Ye are not your own . . . ye are bought with a price: . . . therefore glorify God. . . ."

The basic Bible concept of stewardship as designed in this campaign is that the Christian does not own his life. His life belongs to God and he is the steward—the manager, administrator or supervisor. God created man and redeemed man. He, therefore, has a dual ownership on the time, talent and resources of the Christian. As Isaac Watts' hymn of worship proclaims:

His sovereign power, without our aid,
Made us of clay, and formed us men;
And, when like wandering sheep we strayed,
He brought us to the fold again.

God, Himself, can make no stronger appeal for your service. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," Romans 12:1.

In the First Baptist Church of Richmond, Virginia, a man placed an offering pledge card in the collection plate. The card asked, "What will you give?" On it the man wrote, "Myself, John Lewis Shuck." He became the first Baptist missionary sailing for Hong Kong in 1835.

Stewardship is our reasonable service. It only asks that you take special spiritual care for that which already belongs to God—your life, time, talent, and money. If you as a Christian have not found the vibrant experience which you have sought, perhaps it is because you have not served as you ought. When we step out into the field of active Christian service, both we and those to whom we minister can once again sing the victorious words of Fanny Crosby:

Down in the Human Heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings He buried that grace can restore.
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that are broken will vibrate once more.

LOYALTY CAMPAIGN

The Loyalty Campaign is designed for the Sunday school. It begins April 14, and continues through June 2. This seven-Sunday period runs from Easter to Pentecost Sunday. An interesting theme for each week has been chosen and is presented in the Loyalty Campaign Plan Book. These themes come as an answer to those in the church who like the unjust steward in the parable of Luke 16 asked:

WHAT SHALL I DO?

- APRIL 14 - A CALL FOR DECISION
- APRIL 21 - A CALL FOR DISCIPLE
- APRIL 28 - A CALL FOR MATURITY
- MAY 5 - A CALL FOR SHARING
- MAY 12 - A CALL FOR WORKERS
- MAY 19 - A CALL FOR MISSIONS
- MAY 26 - A CALL FOR HOLY LIVING
- JUNE 2 - A CALL FOR MESSENGE

TEWARDSHIP

The Theme of the Easter to Pentecost Loyalty Campaign

YOUTH WEEK

It is very fitting that Youth Week should be integrated into the total program of the Loyalty Campaign. No church can be considered successful until its young people are enthusiastically participating in its outreach.

Youth Week is the first week of the Campaign April 14-21. The theme is, "ON CALL."

A challenging detailed program for youth week has been prepared and is presented in the Loyalty Campaign Plan Book. Youth Week is principally built around youth operation of the church. Hence, the "Youth Take-Over" and "Make Way for Youth" are strongly emphasized. A banquet is planned for Youth Week and a daily devotional guide is included for youth who would stay "on call" for God.



Y.W.E.A. DAY

Climaxing event of Youth Week is Y.W.E.A. Day on April 21. On this day the young people of the church recognize their part in world evangelism by their gifts to the annual project in Bombay, India. By this date it is expected that over $20,000 will be donated to the erection of our church, youth center and reading room in Bombay.

There are numerous avenues of service other than those presented in the Sunday school and Youth Loyalty Campaign, but we believe that the active church challenged and on fire with the dynamic of the Holy Ghost will find a place in this campaign. This can be one of the answers to the greatest need in the church—dedicated Christians giving all their resources to God for the building of His kingdom.

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PREPARATION: THE PASSPORT TO PROMOTION

F. J. May

SOME YEARS AGO, while a freshman in college, I had the unpleasant experience of being tested on an assignment for which I had made no preparation. The test was one of those famous "pop" quizes which usually come at a very unexpected moment.

Needless to say, I made a poor showing by trying to give detailed answers to questions about which I knew nothing. After the class was dismissed, I hurried to explain to the professor about my being a victim of circumstances which had prevented my studying the day's assignment.

He listened very kindly to my story, and then he told me quite frankly and bluntly, "I am here to grade you on what you know, and not on why you don't know it." I left the room somewhat grieved and stultified. Looking back on that experience since then, I have always referred to that day as "the day I learned the most in school."

The substance of that very important lesson was *there is absolutely no excuse for being unprepared.* No one acquires a good job in this world by being able to give a good explanation as to why he cannot do the required work. Neither can a person excuse himself for lack of preparation when going into the Lord's service. The story of Ezra serves to illustrate this important lesson in a most emphatic way.

Ezra was a "ready scribe" in the law of Moses. He was a victim of the Babylonian captivity, with no hope of ever being able to fulfill his calling in God's work, but he prepared himself just the same.

He refused to let his unfortunate circumstances master him and made certain that if the opportunity ever came for him to fulfill his spiritual ambitions, he would be ready. Therefore, he plunged into a four-fold plan of preparation.

1. He prepared his heart which is the first place to begin. Unless the motives, the attitudes, and the desires of a person are right in God's sight, he will suffer great disappointment and failure. But if the heart is truly prepared before the Lord, the person will be able to patiently perform the will of God.

2. Ezra prepared himself "to seek the law of the Lord." Many other ideas and money-making schemes, that would have ordinarily claimed the attention of the Hebrew mind, did not trouble Ezra. He sought God and God's Word with all his mind and all his heart. He wanted to know God's message to man.

MANY YEARS LATER, Jesus condemned some criticizing Jews by saying, "Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God" (Matthew 22:29). This lets us know the importance of studying to be approved of God, and not fall into shame by being unprepared (2 Timothy 2:15).

It is also necessary to know God's power. Through prayer, consecration and the infilling of the Holy Ghost, a person can know the power of God. When these two requirements are maintained, a person serves and worships God in "Spirit" and in "Truth."

3. Not only did Ezra prepare his heart to seek the law of the Lord, but he also prepared himself to *do* the law of the Lord. He would be a *doer* of the Word, not a hearer, or a learner, or a seeker only.

4. Ezra prepared himself to *teach* the law of the Lord. He was ready to witness for God and teach others the way. He made up his mind that God could use him as an instrument to proclaim the Word of the Lord.

What were the results of Ezra's preparation? He was promoted from the service of an earthly king to the service of the King of Kings. Artaxerxes granted Ezra "all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him." Ezra rose to a place of leadership and honor in Israel.

He led a great number of his people out of captivity, back to Jerusalem. He was trusted with great wealth with which to buy provisions for restoring Temple worship in Jerusalem. Later, through prayer and teaching the Word, he was used of God to bring revival to Israel. What a gratifying experience to Ezra to see God's people once again in Jerusalem, weeping, confessing sins, putting away strange gods, and worshiping the true God!

This came about because Ezra had dared to prepare for it. Likewise today God would have us to prepare ourselves for His service.



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Patty's School Party

By Cleva R. Hanna

PATTY WAS dancing about and singing "Happy Birthday to *Me*." Mother had promised her a birthday party. She could invite all the boys and girls in the third grade. It would be the nicest party ever—that is, if all twenty-five in the grade came.

This was Wednesday. The party would be on Friday.

"Hurry, dear; I hear the school bus," called her mother.

Patty ran to meet the bus. It seemed so slow this morning. Patty had a note for her teacher, and she couldn't get to school fast enough. Mother wrote the note inviting the teacher and all the pupils to the party.

When the teacher read the note to her class, the children clapped. "May we ride your pony?" one asked Patty. "I want to play with your bride doll," said another.

The next day was Thursday. It was a day of disappointment. Six of the children had no car so said they could not come to the party.

"Mother," moaned Patty when she got home, "six of the children cannot come. I wish we could go for them. Jesus said we must do unto others as we would have them do to us. I'd sure like somebody to come for me if I didn't have a car to ride in to a party."

"Why, dear, we cannot do that. They live in too many directions. We might do something nice for them some other time."

But Patty felt sad about those who could not be there. She knew some even cried because they were so disappointed. She sat a long time thinking. Suddenly she jumped up.

"I know what we can do, Mother," she cried. "We could have the party at school. Please bring the cake and ice cream to the schoolhouse. And don't forget to bring my bride doll, so all can hold it."

"Well, that's a good idea," replied Mother. "I will phone your teacher to see if it can be arranged."

Patty's teacher thought it a good idea, too. She would make the recess a little longer than usual. Now Patty was happy again.

THE NEXT DAY Mother carried the cake and ice cream to school. She also carried saucers, napkins, and spoons. The boys and girls sat at their desks to eat. Patty put a napkin at each place. The teacher helped Mother dish out the cream. All talked and laughed.

After that they went outside. There they found a big surprise. Patty's brother Tom was sitting on her pony, waiting for them.

"Who wants a ride?" he called.

"I do! I do! I do!" shouted one after the other.

Tom let everyone take a turn. He guided the pony for those who did not know how to ride.

The girls took turns holding Patty's bride doll. Mother had not forgotten to bring that, too.

All too soon the teacher called the children to class again. But they went back to work happily.

"Mother," exclaimed Patty that afternoon, "it was such a good birthday party!"

"But you didn't get any presents," teased Tom.

"I don't care," answered Patty. "It's better to make a lot of people happy than to get presents. And doing what Jesus would like is better than getting presents, too."



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KY, A SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER
ATLANTA



NALD S. AULTMAN, ASSISTANT NATIONAL DIRECTOR, LEADS A WORKSHOP



DR. DELTON ALFORD, LEE COLLEGE, AND HIS BRASS ENSEMBLE

R. SPAIN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF
R CHURCH, AND A. W. BRUMMETT,
SSIONS REPRESENTATIVE, TALK OF
MISSIONS



B. RAMSEY, OVERSEER OF GEORGIA.
TURES ON CHURCH ARCHITECTURE



GEORGIA STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AN

Georgia's State Sunday School and Youth Convention, meeting in the Hemphill Avenue church, Atlanta, was challenging and provocative. From the beginning hour on Thursday morning, January 3, the atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm.

Wallace Swilley, state director, led each service with exceptional ability. Brother H. B. Ramsey, state overseer, was always close at hand to offer his enthusiastic, wholehearted assistance.

Workshops on virtually every subject pertinent to Sunday school and youth work were the order of the two-day convention. It is informative and inspiring conventions like this that will contribute to the growth and success of our Sunday schools and Y.P.E.'s.

With the theme: *In Times Like These—The Bible,* the convention inspired the hundreds who attended to lean heavily upon God's Word. Too, the music was superb. Dr. Delton Alford's brass ensemble from Lee College, the Forward in Faith Trio, the Hemphill Avenue choir, the Riverside church choir, and the solos of Harvey Hudson made the music of this great convention first-rate.

Say, you should have heard the preaching! The annual Ministers' Prayer Conference of the state convened on the afternoon and evening just prior to the beginning of the convention. The messages of C. R. Spain and A. W. Brummett in this conference were truly inspiring and soul-enriching.

On Thursday evening Cecil Knight preached a compassionate challenging message from his heart. Donald Aultman concluded the convention on Friday evening with a dynamic, soul-moving sermon.

On Thursday evening the Hemphill Sunday school, directed by Bob Lyons, assistant pastor, presented a laboratory demonstration of a departmentalized Sunday school. The opening assembly, teaching period, and closing exercises were demonstrated.

The convention was honored to have the following visitors: Lewis J. Willis, E. C. Thomas, Cecil Bridges, Earl P. Paulk, Sr., and J. T. Roberts, Sr. We feel that this first state Sunday school and youth convention of 1963 was a splendid success.



PAUL L. WALKER, PASTOR OF HOST CHURCH, DIRECTS HIS YOUTH CHOIR

ROBERT S. STEVENS LECTURES

TH CONVENTION

by *Arlis Roberts*

HERE ARE SOME OF THE OTHER STATE CONVENTION DATES:

VIRGINIA—MARCH 14-16
INDIANA—APRIL 5, 6
LOUISIANA—APRIL 25, 26
TENNESSEE—AUGUST 15-17
OKLAHOMA—SEPT. 6, 7
NORTH AND SOUTH DAKOTA —SEPTEMBER
MARYLAND, DELAWARE AND WASHINGTON, D. C. —SEPTEMBER 26-28
SOUTH CAROLINA— OCTOBER 17-19
ALABAMA—NOVEMBER 7-9
OHIO—NOVEMBER 14-16

WALLACE C. SWILLEY, JR., STATE DIRECTOR, LEADS A SERVICE





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KELLAND JEFFORDS TELLS HOW TO BUILD A SUNDAY SCHOOL







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Can you afford a long siege in the hospital, with costly but necessary doctors' bills, expensive drugs and medicines? Many people lose their savings, their cars, even their homes trying to meet these ever-increasing costs. Don't take chances with your financial security, or your future. Remember—once the doctor says it's your turn to enter the hospital, it's too late to buy coverage at any price!

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Date of Birth: Month_____ Day_____ Year_____ Height_____ Weight_____

My occupation is_____ Age_____

My beneficiary is_____ Relationship_____

I also hereby apply for coverage for the members of my family listed below:

NAME (Please Print)	AGE	HGHT.	WGHT.	BENEFICIARY
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				

To the best of your knowledge and belief, have you or any person listed above ever had high or low blood pressure, heart trouble, diabetes, cancer, arthritis or tuberculosis or have you or they, within the last five years, been disabled by either accident or illness, had medical advice or treatment, taken medication for any condition, or been advised to have a surgical operation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, give details stating person affected, cause, date, name and address of attending physician and whether fully recovered: _____

Neither I nor any other person listed above uses alcoholic beverages, and I hereby do apply for a policy with the understanding that the policy will not cover any conditions existing prior to the issue date, and that it shall be issued solely and entirely in reliance upon the written answers to the above questions.

Date: ..... *Signed:* X .....

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Normon D. Jones, Notional Secretory of Youth Clubs,
Sundoy School and Youth Department





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SECTION D

MISS JANET MORGAN
Guest Soloist with Symphony

State Contest Winner To Play With Symphony

The Christmas concert of the Jackson Symphony Orchestra will feature the winner of the state-wide contest sponsored by the Mississippi Music Teachers association.

Miss Janet Morgan, a sophomore at Mississippi State College for Women, will play at the Christmas concerts to be held Dec. 10 at Murrah High school and Dec. 11 at Provine High school. Miss Morgan will play the first movement of the Beethoven Concerto Number 2 in B Flat Major.

The Mississippi Music Teachers association annually sponsors the contest among students attending colleges and universities in Mississippi. The contest, held for the first time in 1957, is conducted under an agreement between the Jackson Symphony Orchestra association and the Mississippi Music Teachers' association. The contest winner appears with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra. Although the competition is open to vocalists as well as instrumentalists, only pianists have won.

The contest was the idea of the late Dr. Grady Cox, head of the piano department of Mississippi college.

Miss Morgan, the third MSCW student to win the competition in the past four years, received the recognition on Oct. 27.

Born in Poplarville, the talented young pianist makes her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Morgan, in Laurel. Under the encouragement of her parents, she began her musical studies at the age of five. Prior to entering Mississippi State College for Women, Miss Morgan was a student of Mrs. Garland Lewis of Laurel. Through the years her plans for the future have included: lawyer, singer, writer, model. Now she anticipates a career in music following post graduate study in New York.

She is a member of Tempo Music club and the Silhouette social club at college, where she is a student of Aldo Mancinelli, resident pianist. During vacations Miss Morgan is pianist for the Church of God in Laurel.



"Campus Call, for March features Miss Janet Morgan, a talented pianist and singer who is in her sophomore year at Mississippi State College for Women. Janet is from Laurel, Mississippi, where both she and her parents are active members of the Church of God. She is the niece of Rev. Jimmy Bilbo who now teaches at Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.

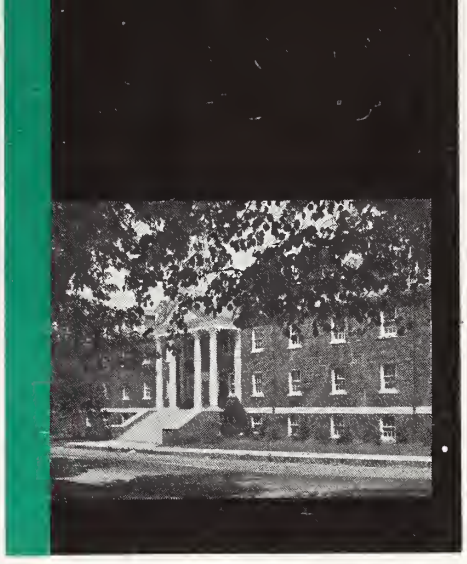
On December 18, *The Clarion-Ledger* stated of the December 10, performance:

> Miss Morgan, who has been a student of the piano since she was a first grade student, played with clarity, precision and a commendable amount of keyboard technique for one her age.

Next summer Janet plans to participate with college credit in a 63-day tour of 11 European countries. Concerning this she says: "Whether at home or abroad, my prime motive is in all things to give glory to God!"

This page is the second in a series submitted to *The Lighted Pathway* by the National Sunday School and Youth Department. As part of the department's college campus ministry, these monthly pages are intended to present articles of collegiate interest and inspiration. The reader is invited to send college news, pictures, and articles to Campus Call, Sunday School and Youth Department, 1080 Montgomery Avenue, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Credit is given to Mrs. Carolyn Bilbo, Secretary to the Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director, for her help in gathering material concerning Miss Janet Morgan.



By Cecil B. Knight,

National Director

Invitation to Leaders

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August 19-23

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ROSY ROADS AND SHADOWY VALLEYS

By Grace V. Watkins

HAS A THRILLING honor just come to you? Have you been chosen a delegate to a national convention, been elected president of your class, won the silver loving cup for being the outstanding athlete in your school, been voted the best all-round booster?

Fine. Congratulations! Of course you're thrilled.

"Then why talk about shadowy valleys?" you ask. "I'd rather talk about rosy roads!"

Well, sometimes rosy roads have more side trails, more detours, more lookout points where people stand on the edge of a precipice than you would guess.

Rosy roads can lead to perfectly glorious destinations—far off or near at hand. But they can also be the scene of rain, sleet, collision, flat tires, or sharp rocks.

But, unlike the situation of ordinary roads, on the rosy road, you largely determine the weather and the terrain.

How? By the attitude you take toward your big thrill and by the way you act and talk about it afterward.

When your big thrill happens and the news gets about, do you get out a scarlet megaphone and boast to everybody? Do you ramble on and on about "me and my big scoop"? Or do you take it in stride, give credit to others, say you hope you can share the experience, mention how happy you are, then shift gracefully to a more impersonal topic?

"Does THAT matter?" you ask. Yes, surprisingly enough, it does. People love to hear about a triumph; but, if the winner blows himself up and babbles on and on and on about his win, green bugs of jealousy and envy may begin to nibble and bite on at least a part of the listeners.

And, aside from the harvesting of a crop of unpopularity, the winner may all unwittingly set arrows in flight—arrows that can injure him reputation-wise, or professionally, or in organizations, or among people in general. Aside from hurting the winner, these things lessen his opportunity to influence other Christians—faith-wise.

Should not the Christian attitude for a winner be so un-self-centered that he doesn't want to douse anybody in a flood of oratory with the theme "me, myself, and my big victory"?

In order to get a clear picture of how you rate according to follow-up patterns after a big scoop, write "Yes" or "No" after each question in the following list:

1. Do I rattle on and on about how wonderful my big scoop is and the super plans I have for the future?
2. When someone speaks about my big scoop, do I calmly and smilingly thank the person, then give credit to others who helped make my win possible?
3. Do I laugh when my scoop's mentioned and say, "That isn't anything. Wait and see what I do two years from now"?
4. After brief talk about my big win, do I slide into some related topic of general interest?
5. When my big scoop's mentioned, do I talk briefly about it and then make a conversational transition to some other fellow or girl who has met with success or honor, then comment on how fine it was?
6. When someone comments on my victory, do I say "Thank you" and then turn the talk to a subject of special interest to the other person?
7. When my big scoop's mentioned, do I smile, then ask the other person's opinion on something?
8. Do I tell others that the encouragement, appreciation, and help of my friends, neighbors, teachers, townspeople have been big factors in my success?
9. Do I say that I hope my win will be a path to help me better serve my church, my community, my school, and Jesus Christ?
10. Do I personally thank those who helped make my success possible? parents, pastor, youth counselor, teachers, friends? Do I write notes of appreciation to those who were particularly helpful?

Were you able to answer "yes" to questions 2 and 4 through 10? The attitudes and behavior patterns represented in these questions would be a big asset in your life—in your profession, in social contacts, in your marriage, in Christian witnessing and service.

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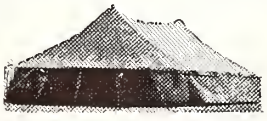
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North Cleveland, Tennessee, Choral Group

This group of Junior Sunday school girls thrilled the hearts of the congregation of North Cleveland Church of God, Sunday morning, December 16, 1962. Their program consisted of Christmas Choral readings and singing. Pictured are seventeen girls and director. Reading from left to right: Back row—Shirley Boyette, leader of choir; Gay Pettyjohn, June Smith, Cheryl Thomas, Sharlinda Beach, Sharon Smith, and Debby Grigsby. Second row: Charmaine Thomas, Linda Dew, Crystal Walker, Teresa Howard, Jan Mullinax, and Debby Spain. First row: Cathy Conn, Elizabeth Wilson, Dianne Wilson, Cathy Sue Baker, and Becky Green. Ruth May, who organized the choir and to whom a greater part of the credit should go, was absent on this Sunday.

These girls presented the same program and a little play, *Christmas Symbols,* to the Bradley County Nursing Home, a home for elderly people. One lady said to me, "I wish they would give it over again." The elderly people expressed their great appreciation to the group.—Geneva Carroll, reporter



Rockwell, North Carolina, Y.P.E.

The Rockwell Church of God Y.P.E. sponsored a Miss Merry Christmas contest. Any girl, age five to twelve, could enter. With only six weeks to work, these girls raised a total of $137.56 in money plus extra points for bringing new people to Y.P.E. Each new person counted five points and each penny counted one point.

On December 15, 1962, the winner was crowned. There was much enthusiasm and suspense that night as no one knew how much any of the girls had raised.

The picture shows the winner, Ginger Kluttz. From left to right are Emma Randall, fourth place; Barbara McCain, third place; and Hazel Goodwin, second place.



Alliance, Ohio, Miss Y.P.E.

A "Miss Y.P.E." contest was held in the Alliance, Ohio, Church of God during the month of November and December, 1962. The honor was bestowed upon the girl that sold the most candy and other articles for the church.

The winner was little seven-year-old Sabrina Binius who, with the help of hard-working parents and grandparents, sold around $500 worth of merchandise. A banquet was held in a restaurant and at the end of the dinner the closely guarded secret of who had won was revealed. Along with wearing the Miss Y.P.E. crown, Sabrina was awarded a Lane Princess Cedar Chest.

Second place was won by Miss Pamela Settle, daughter of the pastor, the Reverend B. Howard Settle. Pamela's award was a four-speed record player. Third and fourth places went to Miss Lynette Hornsby and Miss Linda Steed, respectively. Lynette received a walking doll, and Linda received a large picture to paint.

Chester Bryant, Y.P.E. president, along with our pastor are to be commended for helping the young people enjoy working for God in a way attractive to young people. The entire church enjoyed the contest and the banquet very much.

Mrs. Bobbie Gammon

Lake Orion, Michigan, Y.P.E.
Queen Crowned

Joyce Reeder recently was crowned queen of the Lake Orion Y.P.E. She competed with Drema Craghead in a six-week penny-a-vote contest. Their campaign managers were Judy Blaylock and Brenda Abel. The highly successful contest brought in $600.46 for the church building fund and broke our record attendance of 70 with a new high of 89. The church greatly appreciated the work these girls did to make this contest such a success. The Y.P.E. enabled the girls to attend a Christmas Youth Banquet at Ted's Restaurant sponsored by the Pontiac Church of God.—Alfred G. Lowe, pastor

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An anonymous donor supplied eleven boxes of new and partially used toys for this project. The teen-agers spent a number of evenings during the month of December repairing toy trucks, tractors, games, etc. The young ladies washed doll dresses and fixed doll hair.

This is a refreshing example that all teen-agers are not delinquents. Through their act of kindness, joy will be brought to many homes this year. And a Merry Christmas will be made possible to some who otherwise would be disappointed.

The Reverend E. M. Abbott, pastor, expressed their project in this way, "By giving we are enabled to reflect the image of God, the Author and Giver of all good things."

Mrs. Clair Shick, Counselor of the club, spear-headed the drive and directed distribution to needy homes.—From the **Eastern Beacon**, Baltimore, Maryland.

YOUTH AND COMMUNISM

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Set a new standard of personal morality. The face of America will chiefly depend on its moral fiber. Honesty, truthfulness, and consistent high moral character that you hope will be true about your government must inevitably begin with you. You, as a young person can stand for truth and honor no matter what the crowd does or says. It *is* important that you allow your life, even while you are young, to be a moral influence in your world.

It is my conviction that the power of Communism in our world today is inferior to the potential capability of the Church of Jesus Christ working in our age.

The Communists have not won their share of the world by winning arguments; rather they have won by studying more, working harder, sleeping less, and giving themselves with greater abandon than anyone else to communist conquest. If Christianity loses it will not be by defeat, but by default.

The most important area of your life is your mind. Give your mind to a program of study and discipline, and then "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). God is not looking for "dedicated dishrags," but rather dynamic young hearts that He can use to influence their generation with the story of the Gospel.

THE STAND-BY

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Stella felt that her blood had long since curdled. She, wanting to tear at her hair, bit her finger nails; yet she nodded her head. She did not want this big, strong man to think she was an infant.

Then it was over and they went outside. Stella's relief to be out of that mad-house was offset by the fact that a storm had ripped through Clermount while they were in the theater. It had done no marked property damage, so the news vendors proclaimed.

Stella's heart stood still. Suppose her parents had been unable to drive home through the storm? What if they were not there when she arrived? "Let's hurry home," Stella begged. "I'm worried about Mother and Daddy."

"And Howie?" he asked, raising an eyebrow. "I thought we'd go dancing for a while at Joe's Wayside Haunt."

"Please, I must get home," Stella begged.

"O. K., if you must," he said sullenly. And he kept the speedometer at seventy all the way from Clermount to Wicker. At the Barrett house he got out of the car and opened the door for her, continuing the silence that had begun when she insisted on coming straight home.

Stella's spine chilled when she saw that the house was unlighted, as were all the houses on Banks Street. "Will you go inside with me and help me turn on the lights?" she asked.

"Got a flashlight?"

"No," Stella answered dismally. She decided to risk introducing him to her parents, but another fear instilled itself. Was Denward afraid? Then indeed it was a frightful thing if a strong man like Denward was afraid. "Please go inside with me," she begged.

"Oh, all right," he said.

She followed him inside, both calling, "Hello, we're home." Nobody answered. "Come with me, I know where the light switches are," she said. But no lights came on. She tried the kitchen switch. Still no light.

"The storm killed the power line," Denward said.

"Oh, and that means the telephone too," she cried. "Now I can't call the hospital. Mother and Daddy—oh, where are they?"

"Well, I've got to beat it," Denward said.

"You? Go!" She exclaimed. She would die if he left her alone in this dark house.

"Well, come along and we'll dance all night," he invited.

She could not do that either. Oh, what should she do? Just then there was a knock at the kitchen door. Stella could not open her mouth to speak. Denward stood frozen, but at the second knock he moved a little closer to her. At the third knock Denward turned and ran out of the house. Stella started after him but by the time she reached the porch, he had started his motor. He sped out of the yard and down the street, like a streak of lightning. Stella was left on the porch—alone!

Suddenly then she heard footsteps, a man's steps, coming through the house. When he reached the living room, he called, "Anybody home?" It was Howie!

Stella ran to him and threw her arms around him. "Howie, just in time! I was about to die!"

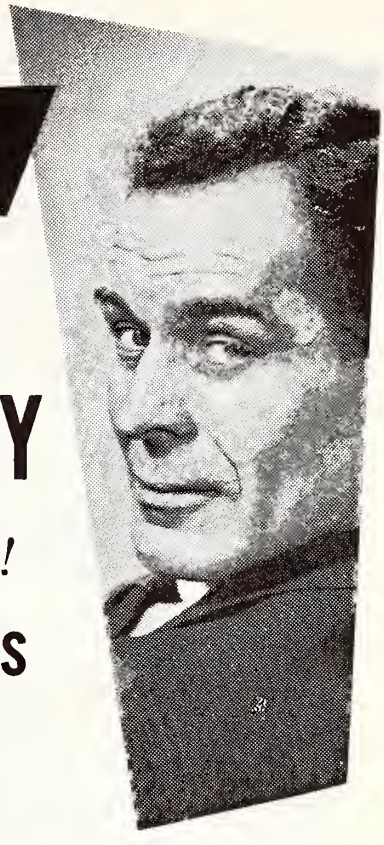
"I saw you were handsomely escorted," he said. "I honestly thought you two stopped on the porch. I came over to tell you the lights were off. I didn't mean to frighten you."

"You didn't frighten me," she declared. "I was already frightened, He drove so fast-and-he was angry-and that horrid movie—and everything. Oh, Howie!"

"Well, what kind of a man is he?" Howie scolded. "Going out with a stranger is not a wise thing to do in the first place."

"Not really a man, I mean not like you," she whispered. "He's still having growing pains." But that was all she said about Denward Anderson. After all, it was her idea to pick him up, and she was honest, she had thought Howie was just a stand-by. And come to think of it, he is, she thought happily. He had really stood by her.

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A SPARK OF THE MASTER

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shirt. A hat sat perched toward the front of his head, shading a ruddy complexion. His face disclosed the rough stubble of a heavy beard. He paused for a few fleeting moments, listening attentively to the sounds of the banjo. His large hand waved toward the box, pitching into its contents, a shining coin. Twisting his head, he spat a stream of dark tobacco juice from his mouth.

What essence was it, I pondered, that allowed men to live carelessly and yet have instilled within their black hearts a concern and tenderness for the weak and suffering? The answer drifted to me from the depths of my wondering heart—a spark of the Master. Prevailing still over man's wickedness and corrupt ways is the voice that once echoed, "Let us make man in our own image."

Regardless of how far man strays, he will never be able to abolish completely this sacred resemblance. How precious, I thought, that even though man may allow himself to fall into all manner of licentiousness, yet he will humbly stoop to place a coin within the box of a lowly beggar. Surely, man from the beginning of time's age was intended to be the reflection of everything good, everything humble, everything tender.

How much more pleasing in the eyes of our Creator, I thought, was the mortal who allowed this spark to develop into a great consuming flame, until at length, his very being took on resemblance of the tall, quiet Nazarene who walked the shores of Galilee. Until from man's heart streamed the tears of compassion as those which likewise fell from His cheeks at the tomb of Lazarus. This I knew was God's will for all mankind.

The clock struck the hour again; I did not realize the time had slipped by so rapidly. Likewise men do not realize how fleeting are the years of life, how soon the time will come when the paleness of death shall creep over their faces, when warmth shall depart from their bodies. The old, the beautiful, the wealthy, they must all go into the hungry earth. Their frail frame must crumble to the dust from whence it came, and the spirit is destined to return to the One who gave it.

I was happy that I had been able to experience this flood of compassion this noon for this lonely soul. I was grateful that God had imparted to me a "heart of flesh" and that it had been touched by this pitiful beggar.

It had ceased raining; God's good earth smelled fresh and clean after its refreshing bath. I walked from beneath the awning and dropped a few stray coins into my friend's box. "The Lord bless you," I whispered to him.

Yes, in the chilled noon I had been sacredly reassured that within my being still burned that unquenchable spark of the Master. How I thanked God that it did. My prayer there in the noon air was that it would ever continue to burn until at last I could gaze upon the face of the Master Himself, arrayed in His flaming splendor and utter perfection!

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Pikeville, Tennessee	81
Brazoria, Texas	81
Brownfield, Texas	81
Empire, Alabama	80
Sylacauga, Alabama	80
Nassau (Faith Temple), Bahamas	80
Modesto, California	80
Cocoa, Florida	80
Macclenny, Florida	80
Starkville, Mississippi	80
Morganton, North Carolina	80
Mangum, Oklahoma	80
Williamsburg, Pennsylvania	80
Bradford, Alabama	79
Brereton, Barbados	79
Miami (Hialeah), Florida	79
Carrollton, Georgia	79
Rome (East), Georgia	79
Waycross (Brunel Street), Georgia	79
Stonefield, Mississippi	79
Pineville, North Carolina	79
Thomasville, North Carolina	79
Latta, South Carolina	79
Abingdon, Virginia	79
Logan, West Virginia	79
Tillman Corner, Alabama	78
Belle Glade, Florida	78
Dade City, Florida	78
Eloise, Florida	78
Cahokia, Illinois	78
Boonsboro, Maryland	78
Potosi, Missouri	78
West Asheville, North Carolina	78
Canton, Ohio	78
Columbus (Belvidere), Ohio	78
Greenville (Woodside), South Carolina	78
Addison, Alabama	77
Birmingham (Woodlawn), Alabama	77
Cross City, Florida	77
Tarpon Springs, Florida	77
Demorest, Georgia	77
Rome (North), Georgia	77
Lexington (Liberty), Kentucky	77
Durham, North Carolina	77
Middlesex, North Carolina	77
Cincinnati (Eastern), Ohio	77
Opp, Alabama	76
Kotzebue, Alaska	76
Lawrenceville, Illinois	76
Indianapolis (East), Indiana	76
Dressen, Kentucky	76
Freeburn, Kentucky	76
Louisville (Highland Park), Kentucky	76
St. Louis (Gravois), Missouri	76
Albermarle, North Carolina	76
Riverside, North Carolina	76
Lebanon, Pennsylvania	76
Memphis (Barton Heights), Tennessee	76
Solway, Tennessee	76
Fairfield, California	75
Bradley, Florida	75
Rossville, Georgia	75
Portage, Indiana	75
Stinnett, Kentucky	75
Leaksville, North Carolina	75
Cleveland (Fulton), Ohio	75
Dunfordtown, Virginia	75
Norfolk, Virginia	75
Grundy, Virginia	75

Note: The Kotzebue, Alaska, Church has notified us that they should have been listed as having an average weekly attendance in Y.P.E. of:

April, 1962	148
May, 1962	79
November, 1962	88

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Filled With Holy Ghost	559
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Since June 30, 1962	
Saved	17,941
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National Sunday School and Youth Director

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Average Weekly Attendance
December, 1962

500 and Over

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 764
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio 620
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 500

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Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia 481
Griffin, Georgia 463
Jacksonville (Springfield), Alabama 435
Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio 434
Cleveland (North), Tennessee 433
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio 421
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina 418
Newport News, Virginia 400

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Rock Hill, South Carolina 396
South Gastonia, North Carolina 390
Wilmington (Fourth), North Carolina 388
Erwin, North Carolina 386
Anderson (McDuffie), South Carolina 380
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio 370
Fairborn, Ohio 364
Chattanooga (North), Tennessee 364
Lakeland (Lake Wire), Florida 358
Tampa (Buffalo Avenue), Florida 357
Austin, Indiana 329
Dayton (Oakridge Drive), Ohio 329
Buford, Georgia 320
Lenoir City, Tennessee 320
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Catawba Heights, North Carolina ... 125
Sweetwater, Tennessee ... 125
Roanoke, Virginia ... 125

NATION'S TOP TEN IN HOME DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE

Total Monthly Attendance for December

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina ... 5,213
East Gadsden, Alabama ... 1,072
East Lumberton, North Carolina ... 910
Landis, North Carolina ... 613
Uhrichsville, Ohio ... 606
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia ... 583
Atlanta (East), Georgia ... 550
Louisville (Portland), Kentucky ... 470
Princeton, West Virginia ... 441
Stockton (Gertrude), California ... 430

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia ... 50
Georgia ... 27
South Carolina ... 23
Florida ... 19
North Carolina ... 19
Michigan ... 18
Alabama ... 16
Ohio ... 16
Oklahoma ... 15
California ... 12
Pennsylvania ... 12

REPORT OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 ... 39
New Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 ... 38
Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 ... 77

TEN HIGHEST CHURCHES IN NUMBER OF PERSONAL VISITS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

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Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina ... 2,931
Samoset, Florida ... 1,390
Cincinnati (Hatmaker), Ohio ... 987
Anderson (McDuffie Street), South Carolina ... 820
St. Louis (Gravois Avenue), Missouri ... 785
Detroit (Tabernacle), Michigan ... 775
North Birmingham, Alabama ... 765
Chase, Maryland ... 600
Bladenboro, North Carolina ... 600
Fort Mill, South Carolina ... 600

Young People's Endeavor

Average Weekly Attendance

December, 1962

200 and Over

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio ... 340
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio ... 253
Goldsboro, North Carolina ... 252
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio ... 246
Fayetteville, North Carolina ... 245
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee ... 225
Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina ... 208
Mooresville, North Carolina ... 200

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Greer, South Carolina ... 189
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama ... 186
Dayton (Oakridge Drive), Ohio ... 185
Stanley, North Carolina ... 184
Hattiesburg, Mississippi ... 176
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania ... 167
Lakeland (Lake Wire), Florida ... 163
Austin, Indiana ... 159
Lenoir, North Carolina ... 158
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Scottsboro, Alabama ... 138
Erastus, North Carolina ... 137
Erwin, North Carolina ... 137
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Greenville, North Carolina ... 136
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Lancaster, Ohio ... 134
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He'll Understand and Say "Well Done"	The Love of God
Rolling, Riding, Rocking	Just A Closer Walk With Thee
What A Friend We Have In Jesus	When The Saints Go Marching In

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Side One	Side Two
If the Lord Wasn't Walking By My Side	Straight Road to the Sky
Unworthy	From Now On
Child of the King	I'll Never Be Lonely
I've Been to Calvary	Follow Me
Keep Me	I Found Him at the Altar of Prayer
He'll Pilot Me	My Family and My Bible

3 SLP 5992 I BELIEVE—Rangers

Side One	Side Two
I Believe	God Will Take Care of You
I'll Be Ready to Go	Love Is Why
What A Home-Coming Day That Will Be	The Hand of Perfect Day
Gods Hands	Keep Me
Just To Live With My Faith In God	Closer To Thee I Would Be
I Never Knew 'Til Now	Dear Jesus, Abide With Me

4 SLP 5987 LEE COLLEGE CHOIR

Side One	Side Two
Holy, Holy, Holy	In Times Like These
The Lord's Prayer	A World Wide Revival
Gloria In Excelsis	O Happy Day
Battle Hymn of the Republic	Peace, Life, Joy
Walking In Jerusalem	Saved by the Blood
Hallelujah Chorus	I'll Have A New Life

5 LP 1004 I SURRENDER TO THEE—Vep Ellis & Big Jim Waits

Side One	Side Two
I Surrender to Thee	Jesus Loves Me
God Will Take Care of You	Let Jesus Lead the Way
My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me	O Rock of Ages
Now and Then	Yes, I Want to go There
There's Room In My House For the Lord	No Tears In Heaven
Sunshine of Tomorrow	Pass Me Not

6 LP 3208 WONDERFUL—LeFevre

Side One	Side Two
Sweeter As The Days Go By	I Need Jesus
Life's Railway To Heaven	Love Like The Love of God
He's My All In All	No Tears In Heaven
Wonderful	In My Fathers House are Many Mansions
Delivered From the Hands of Pharaoh	I'll Meet You In The Morning
The Prettiest Flowers	Hold To God's Unchanging Hand

7 LP 455 A SESSION WITH BLUE RIDGE QUARTET

Side One	Side Two
Happy In My Heart	Wait A Little Longer, Please Jesus
Lord, Keep Your Hand On Me	My Only Hope
It Is No Secret	I Saw A Man
Not My Will	Someone To Care
Mansions Can't Be Bought In Heaven	Victory In Jesus
Lead Me Gently Home, Father	Model Church (Narration)

8 LP 905 T. V. REQUEST—Harvesters Quartet

Side One	Side Two
Child of the King	Wings of a Dove
Bend Away Down Low	I Feel Like Traveling On
This Old House	Going Home
I'll Be Somewhere Listening	I Can Tell You the Time
I'm Winging My Way Back Home	Land Where Living Waters Flow
Lord, Build Me a Cabin	The Rainbow of Love

9 LP 8002 JUST A CLOSER WALK—Rebels Quartet

Side One	Side Two
Happy Days Are Here Again	Just A Little Talk With Jesus
Just A Closer Walk With Thee	Take My Hand Precious Lord
When I Inherit My Mansion	I Love That Jesus Man
The Rainbow of Love	How Long Has It Been
I Saw A Man	He'll Be Waiting For Me
He'll Understand and Say "Well Done"	Hide Me Rock of Ages

10 LP 1709 CHURCH OF GOD CHOIR—Max Morris

Side One	Side Two
If I Could Help Somebody	I Want to be Like My Lord
Don't Take Your Eyes Off the Saviour	The Highest Hill
While Ages Roll On	Behold, He Cometh
Love Is Why	The Touch of His Hand
The Last Mile of The Way	Longing For Home
O Happy Day	If I Could Sing A Thousand Melodies

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YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW

By Avis Swiger

I am a new member of the church and I want to do God's will. When I joined the church I promised to abide by the discipline. Now I want to wear some jewelry and cut my hair so I will look like my friends. Would I be telling a lie if I do these things, since the church teachings say you should not wear jewelry or bob your hair? I know what Revelation 21:8 says about liars. Please help me.—L.C.

The very fact that you say you do not want to have your part in hell makes me think that you know the answer to your own question. If you cannot be sure that a thing is right—then don't do it. Questionable things will bring you only heartache and trouble and no real pleasure.

The Israelites told God they wanted a king so they would be like the other nations (1 Samuel 8:20). God gave them a king after warning them of the many troublesome things that would come because of the king. They answered God's warnings by saying, "but we will have a king over us." Psalm 106:15 tells us that God gave them their request but sent leanness into their soul. This refers to a different request—it was in the Wilderness—but the results were the same.

You must make up your mind if you are going to be willing to live on the border-line, always wondering if you are going to "make it", or if you want to really be in the center of God's will. If you decide to put God first, jewelry and such things will no longer seem important to you.

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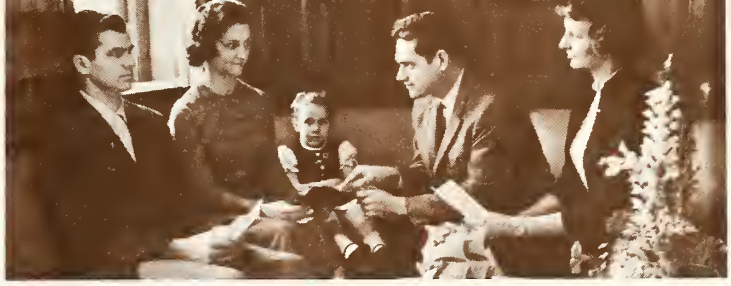
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I STOOD AT a door with a college student and heard him ask, "Lady, do you go to church?" Compassionately, yet unflinchingly, he followed his first question with, "Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ?" As I went with him from door to door it was most apparent that he was driven with a consuming zeal to win souls for the Lord. When he talked to the residents there was no stammering nor hesitancy as in a sincere, straight-forward manner he discussed salvation.

The practice of witnessing is gradually spreading throughout our church, and it is being spread by our youth. Even children are witnessing. In Fort Payne, Alabama, a five-year-old boy tugged at the trousers of the leader of a witnessing group with the query, "Is I too young to go house-to-house?" Ten-year-olds in Cleveland, Tennessee, are going from home to home talking to people of Christ.

How are youth witnesses received? Cordially! One experienced young man who has led witnessing teams in numerous cities stated: "We are usually well received, for most people welcome us. Folk like to talk about religion." In North Carolina a college senior was witnessing door-to-door and was calling at the last house for the day. A lady answered his knock and he led her to salvation while talking to her through the screen door!

During the past quarter-century the laity and ministry have not been too careful to personally witness for Christ. In these years we have raised more finances and built more churches—and done less witnessing—than ever before. We have built new churches through pulpit and classroom witnessing, and this is laudable. One wonders, however, just how much more effective we could have been if, while we carried on evangelism within the church building, we would have also reached people with the gospel on the streets and in homes.

The evangelist may have filled the pulpit fairly capably, but his appeal to souls has fallen on empty pews, especially during the week. Personal witnessing can fill the pew with seekers. However, organized witnessing outside the church has been practically unknown among us. Proclaiming Christ face-to-face to men on the street, house-to-house, or over the yard fence has been practiced only by a small minority. We have sat idly by while cults have misled thousands as they monopolized door-to-door witnessing.

The Lord Jesus would have us to be personal witnesses. While on earth he valued personal contacts highly as the means of winning men to Himself. It was not in a mass rally, but by personal encounters that He won Matthew at the toll booth, and Peter, James and John at their fishing nets. His personal invitation, "Come, follow me," struck home to their hearts and they began to follow Him. Much of Christ's ministry was spent by reaching people individually. This was effective in His day and is still effective today.

MANY CHRISTIANS ARE in close association with unconverted persons day after day and never give testimony to God's saving power. Are men in hell today who, if they could do so, would cry to us: "You met me day by day and knew I was astray, yet you never mentioned Him to me"?

But many young people are witnessing! Last Sunday morning I sat in a church service where young men and women were in charge. As the morning worship service began, a young man stood and startled the congregation with the announcement: "This is Operation Countdown. Within thirty minutes you will be given an opportunity to do something angels would like to do but cannot." A song was sung. Then, "Twenty-seven minutes from now you can carry out the personal desire of Christ."

After two songs—interspersed with "countdown" announcements—and a short message by a youthful preacher on witnessing, the entire congregation was invited to go two-by-two throughout the community to witness! This was closely organized, for the exact areas to be reached had been mapped out and young people guided witnesses to particular streets. Within forty-five minutes we were back at the church with numerous testimonies of people contacted, influenced, and a few won to Christ! The few people who did not go out to witness were led in worship at the church. This is a glowing example of the local church reaching out to the unconverted about them.

What do these youthful witnesses say? Something like this: "Hello. We are representing the Central Church of God and have come to pay you a personal visit. Here is a pungent tract you will enjoy. Do you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour?" If the answer is negative, and the inquirer shows concern, the youths go inside the house and often lead the soul to Christ. The visits are almost always short and to the point. These young witnesses spend only about two hours at a time out witnessing and then return to the church for a short critique on their experiences.

"Ye shall be witnesses," Jesus said. If you desire assurance of genuine accomplishment in the Lord's work, talk to a soul about Christ. You will most certainly experience the joy that only witnessing can bring.

Clyne W. Buxton

Youth Are Witnessing!



WOMAN OF MAGDALA

LAZARUS, MARTHA, MARY and the other Mary, the Woman of Magdala, partook of the roasted lamb and bitter herbs with little appreciation. Their minds were on the Master and on the rumors concerning His possible arrest.

When the meal was over the Woman of Magdala broke the silence: "We must arise early in the morning and go to Jerusalem. Perchance we can find Jesus before the time for the temple offerings to begin. We must at least learn how things are going."

The sun was just beginning to tint the clouds with pink and orchid when Lazarus and the women left Bethany for Jerusalem, but by the time they reached the wall of the city, all Jerusalem was astir. They noticed that most of the crowd seemed to be going in one direction.

"Where is everyone going?" the Woman asked a stranger.

He laughed, "Have you not heard? Why to Pilate's Judgment Hall, of course."

"And why to the Judgment Hall?"

But the man was gone. He called back over his shoulder, but the women only heard the word *Prophet*. Fear gripped them and they hurried on with the crowd.

The throng was great and the women could get only within seeing distance of the Judgment Hall, but what they saw was enough. There stood Pilate and by his side the *Prophet*. Pilate's lips were moving. Then the crowd yelled madly, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" Pilate's lips moved again and

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By DOROTHY POTEAT

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Woman of Magdala

the two went inside.

The crowd waited and the women waited. The Woman of Magdala was almost beside herself. There stood her Master about to be crucified and no one spoke one word in His defence. Frantically she screamed out, "But He is innocent! He is innocent!" Just then a surly man standing in front of her turned and hit her roughly across the mouth. She was stunned. It was all unbelievable madness. The King could not be crucified.

The women stepped back to make room and the cross-bearers passed within arm's length. As the *Prophet* walked slowly by, His eyes were cast down, His face was bruised and swollen until they hardly recognized Him; His shoulders were stooped as if He bore a load ten thousand times heavier than the wooden cross. On His head was a crown but not the kind kings wear. It was a crown of thorns. The women followed Him, weeping hopelessly.

They were almost to the city gate when He paused, and turned to them and, in tones of kindness that only the Master knew, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children." There were times when the *Prophet* was difficult to understand.

He will surely perform some mighty miracle now and free Himself from these wicked men, thought the Woman of Magdala as they neared the place of the skull where crucifixions took place. But no! Her heart was lead. They were stripping Him of His clothing! A foul-mouthed soldier was driving spikes through His hands and through His feet! She could see the Master's face twitch in pain with each dull thud of the hammer, but that was all.

Soon there were three crosses silhouetted against a Judean sky.

THE WOMAN OF Magdala prayed and waited with the others. At the sixth hour everything suddenly became black darkness and the stars shone as at midnight. "Now is the time. He will convince the world by coming down from the cross," the Woman spoke the words and waited in expectancy. For three hours she waited in the darkness, fearing and hoping. Then in the distance she heard the *Prophet* speak distinctly, "It is finished." The earth began to quiver beneath the Woman's feet. Now indeed is the time. Listen, the *Prophet* is again speaking. "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

The earth heaved convulsively; the rocks were rent asunder; and then all was quiet. The sun burst forth and the woman looked. The *Prophet* was dead.

For a minute the crowd seemed dazed. They blinked their eyes in the bright sunlight and stood silent. "Certainly this was a righteous man," the centurion expressed the feelings of not a few Jews, and they smote their breasts and left Golgotha.

The Woman of Magdala came nearer the cross. Two men, richly clad, one of whom she recognized as the Jewish ruler, Nicodemus, stood near the centurion talking hurriedly. "Leave Him here until we return," one of them was saying, and they left in haste. The women huddled together near the foot of the cross and wept silently.

When the men returned they brought with them linen cloths and myrrh and aloes. They showed the centurion a paper. He nodded. The women watched as the men tenderly removed the body of the *Prophet* from the cross and wrapped it, with the myrrh and aloes, in the linen cloths. They followed to the nearby garden, and marked where they laid Him in a tomb hewn out of the rock.

"The Sabbath day draws nigh," said Salome, one of the women who had stayed at the cross. "Let us go prepare spices and return again after the Sabbath and anoint His body." With heavy hearts, they left the garden.

That Sabbath was a day of sorrowing for the followers of the dead *Prophet*. Their Master was dead and all was black hopelessness. They gathered secretly in little groups, discussing the nightmare they had just been through and trying to decide what to do next.

The Woman of Magdala kept as close to the mother of the *Prophet* as possible. She seemed more composed than the others. Once she had said, "Daughter, do you not remember that He told us He would be killed, but that He would rise again?"

YET, IF HE were the Messiah how could He have allowed Himself to be killed at the hand of merciless men? All day long the conflict went on. As the Sabbath sun set, she still had found no peace, but she knew one thing. She loved her Master and she could never go back to the old life. The purity of the new life had dulled the glamour of the past until it had no appeal. "I will join the other women," she thought, "and finish preparing the spices to anoint His precious body. It is the last thing I will be able to do for Him whom my soul loves."

Early the next morning the women left for the tomb to perform their last services for Him whom they no longer had the pleasure of ministering unto. As they neared the tomb, fear gripped the heart of the Magdalene for behold the stone was rolled back from the door of the sepulchre. "They have stolen Him! They have stolen Him!" she cried. She knew where Peter and John were lodging and she left the other women and ran to them for help.

When Peter and John returned with the Magdalene to the tomb, the other women were gone. They hastily looked in and beheld the linen cloths lying in place, but the body of their Master was gone. They were amazed and knew not what to do. "We will return to the city and consult with the others," said Peter.

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the Glorious Sacrifice

By Mont Hurst

Illustrated by Chloe Stewart

A GREAT AND most mysterious plague once descended upon the city of Marseilles, France. Doctors, health experts and scientists searched for the cause and cure. Many people were dying and the situation was very desperate. At a crucial meeting of leading doctors and authorities, it was decided that the body of one of the victims should be dissected in an effort to ascertain the cause of the plague if possible. They knew that the plague was extremely contagious, but that was all they knew about it.

A courageous doctor named Guyon said he would volunteer to conduct the dangerous research. He realized that he would be risking his very life. But he was fully determined to make the supreme sacrifice necessary, so he made his will. The next day he dissected one of the bodies. Hurriedly, he wrote out his revealing report; then he died in just a few hours, a victim of the raging plague. But his report opened the way to the cure that stopped the plague. He had sacrificed his life in order that others should live.

In this same manner, God looked down and saw the awful sin plague that was destroying the human race He had placed on earth. Then He sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to dissect the body of sin as it were, to provide the cure Jesus willingly made the supreme sacrifice. And he left the sure cure for the sin plague. It is an infallible remedy and one which is readily available to all. Jesus made His will which provided the greatest legacy possible to a human being. He left the way and means of entering heaven.

Jesus was the very picture of stalwart, robust young manhood. But He died from the ravages of all of the sins ever committed and which can ever be committed by humanity. Thanks to His supreme sacrifice, through His stripes we are healed of sin, sickness and distress. While He lived on earth they asked, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Yes praise God, the greatest sacrifice ever made and with it the greatest asset a human being can possess! May we draw closer to Him each time we think of His sacrifice. And may we think of it often. Our constant prayer should be, "O Lord, let us keep thy cure in our hearts and Thy sacrifice in our minds!" ●

OPERATION TOTAL

By Clyne W. Buxton



Charles R. Beach, B.A., M.A., is the driving force, under God, behind the witnessing efforts of Lee College students. Mr. Beach, who has done graduate work toward his doctorate in languages, is a professor of languages at Lee College. He is quite proficient in several languages and has been offered an assistant professorship on the University of Tennessee faculty at a considerable increase in salary.

However, his heart is at Lee, and his chief interest is training and directing students in personal witnessing. As director of Lee's Christian Service Department, he conducts weekly extra-curricular classes in which he gives instruction in witnessing. In these classes he also lectures on different cults, thus preparing the witness to better understand and answer different faiths which the witness may encounter.

Charles is a native of Texas. After World War II he entered Lee College (at that time Bible Training School and College) and later married an instructor of Lee, Lois Underwood. To this union has been born one child, Sharlinda. Mr. Beach has been an instructor at Lee for eight years.

DR. J. O. PECK said: "If I had the certainty that I would live only ten more years, and as a condition of gaining heaven at the end thereof, I had to win a thousand or ten thousand souls for Christ, and I was given the choice of winning them either by preaching sermons or by individual effort, I would choose the latter method every time."

Students of Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee, used "the latter method" during OPERATION TOTAL, which convened the weekend of February 8-10, 1963. During these three days the Ministerial Club, Pioneers For Christ Club, and the Missions Club (these clubs comprise the Christian Service Department) combined their total efforts in personal evangelism.

Approximately one hundred and fifty enthusiastic, consecrated students shoved textbooks aside and went into six different areas in three states to do the profitable work of personal soul-winning. They traveled hundreds of miles, visited two thousand homes, had forty-six converts, and two persons were baptized in the Holy Ghost.

These students had thrilling experiences. Ray Sanders, a Bible Division sophomore from Bath, South Carolina, led a witnessing group in Gastonia, North Carolina. He gave the following account: "I knocked at a door and was accepted warmly; upon entering I found two young ladies, ages eighteen and twenty-two. The older of the two women said, 'I have been praying for days that someone would come to talk to us about Christ.' Both of the girls were saved while I was there."

Gerald Johnson, a Bible Division senior from Bayou La Batre, Alabama, led a group of twenty-one students in door-to-door evangelism in Westside, Georgia. They

Operation Total Launched on Lee College Campus







Sunday Evening Service at Lee Concluded Week-end





spent the weekend witnessing in the area where the Reverend C. E. Blumenthal has started a new work under a tent.

Bob Blackaby, a Bible Division senior from Campbellsburg, Kentucky, a member of the group, reported: "One of our teams found a fifteen-year-old girl who was married at the age of fourteen years. After the team had witnessed to her in her home she was converted. She then sobbed, 'I wanted to find Christ.' That night she came to the worship service under the tent. She could hardly testify she was so overjoyed with her new-found experience."

During this weekend of OPERATION TOTAL twenty-seven students witnessed in the vicinity of the Blue Springs Church of God, suburbs of Cleveland, Tennessee, where the Reverend A. A. Lynch is pastor. Led by John Lombard, Bible Division junior from Dora, Alabama, these students conducted an evangelistic service in the church Friday night.

They met back at the church Saturday afternoon and went out witnessing. Within one and one-half hours they made one hundred and eighty contacts, had four definite conversions, and located fourteen families as excellent prospects for the local church.

Having witnessed in the East Cleveland, Tennessee, area on Friday afternoon, Lee's Christian Service Department witnessed in Cleveland on Sunday afternoon, also. Combining its efforts with the North Cleveland Church of God, where the Reverend Doyle Stanfield is pastor, the workers, led by Aubrey Maye, a Bible Division senior from Fitzgerald, Georgia, witnessed.

These workers spread throughout Cleveland knocking on doors and talking to people about Jesus. This kind of concern for the souls of men must rejoice the heart of Christ!

Pastors and laity are accepting the work of these student witnesses enthusiastically. Speaking in the Lee College auditorium on Sunday night in the final service of OPERATION TOTAL, Pastor B. E. Ellis of Gastonia, North Carolina, said, "We have lived too long on the size of our Sunday schools, number of members, and the amount of finances. If we as a church will start personal witnessing, we can fill the churches with worshippers."

The state of South Carolina dismissed its annual Prayer Conference one afternoon in 1961 to join a group of students in witnessing. Practically every minister went out

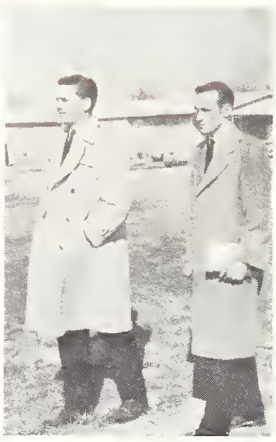
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Witnessing in Westside, Georgia







Witnessing in Cleveland, Tennessee









to witness, and within one and one-half hours, one hundred and fourteen souls had been saved! The state overseer himself had five converts.

The laity of the church is realizing its responsibility to witness. This is essential. William Evans states: "There is no Christian, however humble or insignificant he may feel himself, or others esteem him to be, who is not appointed by the Spirit to be a winner of souls." Laymen are effective witnesses. In Hayesville, North Carolina, a seventy-five-year-old man walked the hills proclaiming Christ with a witnessing team.

Thank God for the fact that the Church of God is witnessing! The wife of one of our ministers was washing her family's clothes at a washateria. Being an active witness for her Lord, she handed a lady a tract. The woman read it, turned to the minister's wife for instructions in finding Christ, and was then and there converted!

This new convert then pulled a pistol from her purse and handed it to the witness. She had planned to kill herself. However, after accepting the Lord Jesus she no longer had a desire to commit suicide.

Often just a few words about the Lord, whether verbal or printed, have eternal influence on a lost soul. On the job a layman handed a fellow-worker a gospel tract. The worker took the tract home, he and his wife read it, and the following Sunday night they went to the Belmont, North Carolina Church of God and were converted!

Witnessing wins souls, so Lee College students are witnessing. Last semester four hundred and fifty students traveled thirty thousand miles, conducted one hundred church services, visited eight thousand homes, had three hundred and fifty converts, and uncovered one hundred and seventy-five prospects for church membership.

May Christ impress every Church of God member and minister with His directive, "Ye shall be witnesses." May we become burdened for the souls of men and talk to God about men and to men about God.●

Here am I, Send Me!





By Martha Ann Smith

YEARS AGO as Paul C. Pitt, Church of God missionary to China, typed these instructions on an old piece of paper: "Please use my coming month's salary ($50) as my contribution to the Church of God Bible School. I will trust God for my needs." Little did he realize that the Bible School would be sustained, and 24 years later a young lady would be graduated and allowed to take the broken threads of his Chinese work into her hands. I am that girl.

Although I had been a preacher's daughter all my life, I hardly had a "good" idea about missions. Since missionaries left their families, friends, possessions and the American way-of-life willingly, I thought that they were a weird sort of people—willing to give up almost everything, for almost nothing in return! "How could individuals like that be anything but 'squares'?" I wondered.

Upon graduating from high school, I chose Lee College as the place to seek and find God's will for my life. There I could receive spiritual growth without "losing time" academically.

When I registered at Lee College that September, I met a young lady who was to improve my opinions about missionaries. She was intelligent, very attractive, and spiritually dedicated. We became fast friends. But, she was called to be a missionary to India. Often I would ask, "Emma, what does your mission call mean to you?"

SHE WOULD reply softly, "Martha, it's the most precious thing God has ever given me!"

Silently I would evaluate Emma's life. I always come to this conclusion: "Emma isn't a 'square'! She is really a great person—and yet she wants to be a missionary. What has she that I don't have?" Through careful observation, I discovered the difference. She was totally dedicated and I was not!

DEDICATION made the difference. I prayerfully began to work on my dedication. If I dedicated my life to God for *any* service, it would perhaps include being a missionary. That, to me, would be the most difficult dedication. Then, surely, I would do anything else God would have me do. So I set about finding the answer.

After much prayer I had almost made my dedication, but one fear nagged my heart. I WAS AFRAID TO GO ALONE! Oh, if God only would give me the assurance that someone would go with me! But not so. God gave me no assurance, and I felt that I was beating my head against a wall. One night my Bible fell open to Isaiah 6:1-8. (Please read it.) I began to realize a deep conviction.

This was Isaiah's story. At this time, he was a relatively young man, and had just seen the heavenly glory and majesty of God's throne room. Suddenly God spoke! His voice, deep and vibrating, echoed through the utter stillness: "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

God did not call any names. He asked for volunteers. Anyone could have heard His "call", but only Isaiah answered. Did Isaiah say, "Here am I; send me *with somebody*"? Did he say, "Lord, I'll go anywhere, *but . . . if . . . and*"? No. He said, "Here am I; *send me!*" That is what I had not been doing! So quietly I spoke from my heart, "Here am I; send me! Here am I; send me . . .!

Each time I said it, I meant it; and I began to feel God's approval as a "churning" in the depths of my soul. I repeated the words over and over, until finally my dedication was complete!

As my heart began to flood with joy from God's approval, a unique peace nestled about me. All my fears had disappeared and peace took their places—the special peace that comes only through dedication.

Abruptly my life changed. I knew from the peace I received that God wanted me to be a missionary. A year later through a great spiritual experience, God pointed to CHINA. I was thrilled beyond words. God, Himself, had taken time to "show" me just where He wanted me to serve. I was privileged!

Others, however, were not so thrilled. These included my dear parents and family. They would have preferred another land, if any at all. CHINA! Why China? Others laughed and said I'd never make it.

I read all I could about China, and looked at its pictures, (See my article, "China Cries," *Macedonian Call*, February 4, 1963). Of course, I was appalled, not only at China's physical needs, but also at her utter spiritual poverty. My eyes began to open to see what was expected of me. I did not doubt God's call, but I wondered, "Lord, what could I do for China—what could *I* do?"

Going to the Missions Board was my next step. When I explained my hopes for going to China within two years, three reasons were quickly given explaining why I could not go:

1. I was too young (19 years).
2. I was unmarried.
3. Paul C. Pitt had disappeared in 1942 and had to be located, if alive, in Communist China.

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I was at the Tomb the First Easter



By Hugh Johnson

So they ran both together: and the other disciple did out run Peter, and came first to the sepulchre.

JOHN'S GOSPEL.

SIMON PETER, reclaimed of the Lord, with John a few paces ahead of him, walked swiftly along the path that led to the burial place of our Lord early on the morning of the first Easter. This was to be the pinnacle of his experience; he would never forget this event. He would challenge the greatest before he, as tradition would have it, would offer his life in the pagan city of Rome.

There must have been many thoughts that had weighed heavy within his breast during the past two days. News had reached his ears that the body of Jesus, his Lord, was missing. This news had been authenticated by pagan soldiers, and by certain women of the Lord's disciples, the testimony of the righteous. What could this mean? Simon probably would have given the account thus:

"I am Simon Peter, fisherman for the Lord. Mary had brought John and me news that the Lord's body was missing. She declared that an angel had spoken to her and that she had talked personally with the Lord. We started for the tomb.

"Of necessity we went through the sector of Jerusalem where our Lord had spent His last hours during the dreadful night of the trial. Those hours seem as only a dream now, but how real they were when happening! I shall never forget them.

"We arrived at the tomb shortly after sunrise. No one was there and our Lord's body was gone! We wanted to believe and somehow we did.

"John had told me that he had stayed near the side of the Master even in His dying hours. He had received the commission to care for the Lord's mother; he heard the Lord's last words and saw the wounds in His hands and side. John loved Him in life, and he was near His side in death.

"I was not so near the cross, myself. I was somewhat repentant, standing afar in solitude, with ghostlike memories of the past night. I shall never forget that long night of His trial: my desire to be near, but afraid, my running away, my weakness and sin by the fire, and most of all, I cannot forget His look when He passed by me. I quickly hid away and wept like a child in repentance of my transgressions.

"When we first heard the news from Mary that the body was missing, we had one thought in mind—go to the tomb! We had to see for ourselves! Little did we know then that the visit to our Lord's tomb would thereafter be a stimulus for our faith and the root-meaning of our salvation. We saw the empty tomb first-hand.

"I REMEMBER some of the first things that I saw that early morning. John arrived just a few steps ahead of me and stood with his eyes fixed on the floor of the cave not uttering a word. The soldiers were gone and the stone that had sealed the mouth was rolled aside. No guards, no sealed door, no body! Then I remembered the promise of my Lord:

> Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again (Luke 24:7).

"John followed me inside the cave where we examined the linen clothes. Then I saw the napkin •

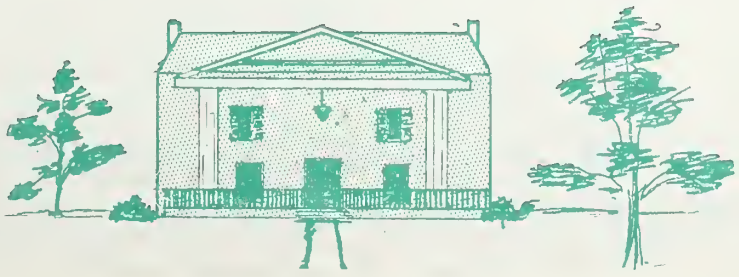
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THE Easter Lily

By Mrs. G. E. Pearson



DAVY WAS A kind-hearted, unselfish little lad, cheerful at all times. He lived a lonely life, for his mother—the best friend a boy ever has—was dead; and he was not at all welcome at his uncle's house where he lived. And the boys of his Sunday School class did not want him either, for he never had money to give toward a fund. They wanted the honor of giving the largest offering for Easter, but Davy could not help.

Davy found out why the boys did not want him in their class, so he made up his mind he would find some work to do. He went here and there in the big city asking for work, but no one wanted a boy. He remembered how his mother used to tell him to always be cheerful and to whistle when things were all going wrong. He tried it now, but it seemed a little hard to do.

At last he made up his mind to speak to everyone he met and ask for work. His first one was Miss Darrow, a rich lady who despised children, though Davy did not know it.

"Say, Ma'm," said the boy, "can you give me some work to do? I want to earn some money."

"Money!" said Miss Darrow, "I suppose you have heard I am very rich, but I don't give away money."

"I want to earn it," said Davy. "I am not begging."

"What do you want it for?" she asked sternly.

"I want to give it to the Lord at Easter time," said Davy. Tears were in his eyes as he started away, trying to whistle as he went.

THE FLORIST NEAR BY had been watching and listening, and when he saw how Miss Darrow had hurt the boy's feelings, he called him and gave him a beautiful lily. On his way home with it, Davy thought of the Bible verse "Overcome evil with good," so he decided he would give the lily to Miss Darrow.

On Sunday afternoon, Davy took his gift to the big house of the rich lady. Miss Darrow was sick, but the maid allowed him to go in and see her. Going quietly to the bedside, he said, "I have brought you my lily, Miss Darrow."

"Are you not the little boy who wanted money and work the other day?" asked the sick lady. "Now, tell me where you got the flower and how you came to bring it to me."

"The man who owns the flower shop gave it to me. And the man at the church told us it would please the Lord for us to do something kind to the meanest person we knew," replied Davy, not thinking how it sounded.

At first, Miss Darrow was indignant. Then she laughed outright and spoke so pleasantly that Davy was not afraid to answer her questions.

"You need new clothes," she said.

"Oh, these will last a while longer. There is no bare place yet, and when it is cold, I run to keep warm," he said. Miss Darrow's heart was touched.

"Davy," she said, "you have given me your lily, and I intend to give you five dollars for the Easter offering."

"But I want to give something to the Lord that I have earned myself," said Davy earnestly.

Miss Darrow called the maid and asked her if she could make good use of Davy after school and on Saturdays. "Sure," she replied cheerfully. "I'm so tired that when I sit down I hate to get up again, and he could save me many steps."

THE TIME PASSED merrily for Davy as he worked every night after school. How happy he was to be earning money to give to the Lord! On the Saturday before Easter, Miss Darrow called him to her room and told him what a good boy he was. Her words sounded so much like his mother's that he buried his face in her lap and sobbed as if his heart would break.

He soon dried his tears, though, for Miss Darrow was saying, "Here is the five dollars that you have earned, my boy; and I have something to give to the Lord, too, for I want to lay up treasures in heaven. I am going to give one hundred dollars for the Easter offering, through your class."

Davy stammered a little as he tried to tell her how pleased and thankful he was. Of course, his class had the honor of giving the largest offering, and Miss Darrow wrote a note to them telling what Davy had done.

Not long after this, Davy's uncle died. He was really all alone in the world now, and he had no home. But the Lord had touched Miss Darrow's heart, and she sent for the boy, saying, "Davy, you are to be my boy now, and this is to be your home."

Little Davy had remembered his mother's words and tried to be brave and cheerful through his troubles, and God had rewarded him. He was the happiest boy in the world now—happy because God had given him such a good home, but, most of all, because somebody cared. ●

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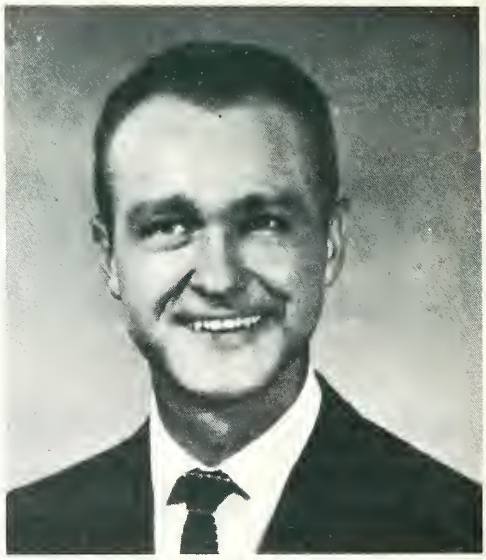
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The Reverend Duran Palmertree

Lee College Teacher Has Brilliant Background

By Jack L. Barron

THE REVEREND DURAN Palmertree, a young man from Winnona, Mississippi, has served his church well by proving to be an outstanding Christian, scholar, and minister.

Mr. Palmertree was converted and joined the Bethany Church of God near Winnona at the early age of seven. Seven years later, while a student at Kilmichael High School, he was baptised with the Holy Ghost. During his high school years, he was an active worker in his home church and was a popular leader in his school.

While at "Ole Miss," Mr. Palmertree was editor of the yearbook, news editor of the campus newspaper, vice-president of the "University Singers," active in dramatics, and a member of Alfa Epsilon Delta, which is an honorary scholastic fraternity for pre-medical students.

Since there is not a Church of God in Oxford, Mississippi, Mr. Palmertree attended services at the Wesleyan Methodist Chapel on the campus. He was elected vice-president of the Wesley Foundation, which is a student Methodist fellowship.

The "Committee of One-hundred" directs all religious activities on the large campus. To be chosen as one of the co-chairmen of this committee is one of the highest honors given by the university. Mr. Palmertree received this honor. He graduated *with distinction* in 1957, receiving a B.A. degree in Biology and Chemistry and the Taylor award in Biology.

After graduation, Mr. Palmertree worked one year with the U.S. Public Health Service in Mississippi as a laboratory technician. He had received a scholarship to study health education at Harvard University and Dr. Underwood, Executive Director of the Mississippi Health Service, wanted him to accept the scholarship and return to head the state's health education program after graduation.

During his junior year at "Ole Miss," however, Mr. Palmertree felt he had received a call from God to preach the Gospel. In the fall of 1958 he entered Duke University Divinity School at Durham, N. C. on the Duke Scholarship and an Endowment Scholarship.

While at Duke he was chairman of the social committee and Speaker of the House, which was the highest attainable student position. He was listed as a dean's scholar and was the Reader for the head of the Old Testament department. There are only six readers chosen from the entire divinity school.

Mr. Palmertree was very active in youth and Christian education work at the West Durham Church of God, where he served as minister of music. He graduated from Duke *with honors* in 1961, receiving the B.D. degree in Theology.

From the graduating class each year there is one person selected to go to Dumfries Church in Scotland to serve as associate minister. This is where the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns is buried. Mr. Palmertree was offered this, but chose rather to accept a position as instructor at Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Before coming to Lee in the fall of 1961, he married Miss Carolyn Turnage, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. J. T. Turnage, pastor of the West Durham Church of God.

At Lee, Mr. Palmertree teaches biology and Church of God Polity and is faculty sponsor of student publications, the *Vindagua* and *Clarion*. He also writes the weekly Sunday school lesson for the *Evangel*.

Students at Lee say that Mr. Palmertree is a very popular professor because he always has a sympathetic ear and wise counsel for them. He furnishes them inspiration and a challenge to accomplish much for God and his Church.

His plans for the future include study toward a PhD degree, perhaps at Harvard. He desires to work in the interest of higher education for the Church of God. ●

Dedication in Tokyo

Mrs. Noelle Midgley

Missionary



The Tokyo Church and Youth Center is now a busy center of activity for many Japanese High School and University students. For five months now, Brother Heil has been working steadily erecting this beautiful building in this the world's largest city. On Sunday, January 6, his was the joy of speaking at the opening service, and praying the dedicatory prayer.

Missionary friends, Japanese Christians, students, and American service personnel stationed in Japan were present for the opening service at 2:30 p.m. The seats were all filled and many people had to stand.

Teams of our Bible School students, along with Sister Comans, the Heils and ourselves, had spent several days doing the cleaning work, arranging the flowers, and putting the final touches to the lovely building. While eating our lunch one day, surrounded by brooms, mops and cleaning cloths, a song of praise spontaneously arose to heaven for the realization of a dream that two years ago had seemed an impossibility. How we thanked the Lord for the many young people in America who had made this dream come true for us and for the hundreds of students who will pass through the Center.

The opening service was led by Brother Midgley, with Iwashita San, one of our Japanese pastors, interpreting. From the singing of the first hymn, "Praise Him," a sweet anointing was upon the service, and at times the tears flowed freely as Jesus met us. Several missionaries contributed special music, and Psalm 96 was read.

After the singing of "How Great Thou Art" by the congregation, hands were raised, and a volume of praise ascended to our great and wonderful Lord.

Letters of greeting were read from missionary friends in Japan, after which Brother Heil brought the message to us. He likened our Church and Youth Center to Solomon's Temple in that it was to be a place to offer sacrifice. The speaker emphasized that Solomon's concern was not with the elaborate building and furnishings, but with the fact that it was to be a place where burnt offerings were sacrificed to the Lord. He stressed that we are the temple of God, and our lives must be a living sacrifice for our Master. He concluded the message with the thought that the city of Tokyo could be likened to the Rome of Paul's day, and that our message to the people of this vast sinful metropolis should be as that of Paul; namely, that the gospel of Christ alone is the power of God unto salvation. It is to declare this glorious gospel that the Tokyo Center has been erected.

After the dedicatory prayer by Brother Heil, the song, "A Wonderful Saviour is Jesus My Lord" was sung, and the crowning point came in the salvation of two precious Japanese young people at the conclusion of the service. During the two days' special meetings, five found Jesus as their Saviour.

Now classes are meeting in the building every night of the week but one. The beautiful lounge room where the study classes are held is a far cry from the former quarters. Our joy is that the same presence of Jesus is felt in the new building that we enjoyed in the former meeting place.

Brother and Sister Heil, Sister Comans, and we, the Midgleys, are so grateful to every one of you who had a part in this project. We thank you for every sacrifice that was made, and for every effort put forth. Your reward is in the many Japanese students who will find peace with God and be delivered from the bondage of heathenism in the months and years that lie ahead.

As you visualize the Church and Youth Center in Tokyo, see it as a lighthouse set in a sea of heathenism, idolatry and materialism. Pray for us that we shall ever be filled with the Holy Ghost and in a place to point the way to Calvary. ●



The Tokyo Y.W.E.A. Project is now completed. As of January 15, 1963, $20,056.51 has been raised by Church of God young people to build this great church and youth center in Tokyo, Japan. As this building becomes a center of youth activity in Tokyo we pray earnestly that you may respond to our current Y.W.E.A. project with your prayers and gifts. With your help, this time next year we will be able to report the completion of our Bombay church.

—Donald S. Aultman
Assistant National Director



By Floyd D. Carey, Jr.

Sundoy School and Youth Director of Louisiona

Campus Champion for Christ

School Days. Almost one third of your life, including the six preschool years, will be spent on a high school and a college campus. It has been said, "School is not preparation for life, but school is life."

The Bible numbers man's years on earth as threescore and ten, seventy years or 25,550 days. One third of your life will be spent attending school, one third will be consumed by sleeping, and one third will be used in working. Proportioned thus, you have your expected seventy years narrowed down really close.

The challenge of the campus. The campus offers a great challenge for Christian teen-agers. You can learn and lead at the same time, for education and evangelism work hand in hand. At no other period in your life will you have a greater opportunity to display Chrisistian character, to develop strong religious principles and to direct others to Christ than you will have while attending school.

Steady student. Don't spend your days on the campus as a slip and slide student, but be a successful student. Make your life count for Christ on the campus. Don't make the mistake of waiting until some future time to serve when one of the greatest opportunities for Christian service that you will ever have is before you. That is, living an exemplary life and reaching teens for Christ on the campus.

In Louisiana we have started a program for our young people entitled Campus Champion for Christ. This activity is designed to assist our teen-agers in making the influence of their dedication to Christ felt on the campus.

The forces of evil are using the campus to further their cause by introducing fads and practices that lead teen-agers away from a life of purity and dedication to Christ. Hence, our Christian teen-agers should shine for Christ on the campus more than ever before. Christian young people can be *campus changers.* By faith in Christ and by maintaining uncompromising standards, Christian teens can combat sin on the campus and exalt Christ.

Campus Champion for Christ. Yes! You can be a champion for the cause of Christ on the campus. Every Christian young person can have "campus control" and can "command" the respect of the campus crowd as a Christian student. Because of this belief, the State Youth Board of Louisiana has gone all-out to promote this project.

We are using our Campus Champion for Christ program as a part of our Teen-ager's Training Course program. Local Pioneers for Christ clubs are used as contact points and to assist in a follow-up program. All of our Campus Champion materials carry a Pioneers for Christ sub-title.

A Campus Champion Course was taught in each church using our Campus Champion manual, a thirty-two page book compiled for this specific purpose. The book outlines Christian duties on the campus, tips on classroom comprehension, and corridor contacts.

In addition to the book we compiled other materials to assist our young people in witnessing and in shining for Christ. Our attractive plasticoat book covers advertise the student as a Christian and the cause he proclaims. The cover carries the Campus Champion insigna in bright colors and other related information. Our handy, neatly designed bookmark is a daily reminder of campus chores and opportunities. Our tracts titled "Tombstone Territory," "Sick Kid" and "Countdown," are designed to track down sinners. A form is provided on the back of each tract for the student to list his name, address and phone number. Thereby, each tract becomes personalized whereby the student becomes a Campus Contact. Our beautiful velvetone emblem distinguishes the Christian from the campus crowd as a soldier-student for the cause of Christ. Our pencils containing the campus Champion imprint is another daily reminder of the challenge of the campus. We also have campus spiritual survey charts which is a program of personal soul-winning to be used on the campus. A small New Testament to be carried on the campus is called the campus compass. An identification card signifying that the bearer has accepted the challenge of the campus and is trying to be a "conqueror on the campus" for Christ is furnished.

All of these materials were given to our young people free of charge. This was made possible by our State Sunday School and Youth Board members raising the money by conducting revivals, etc. I hope that this plan will catch fire across the nation and that our young people everywhere will be made to see the wonderful opportunity for "self-service" and "Christian service" on the campus.

Louisiana will reap great dividends from the lives of young people who are being Champions for Christ on the campus. Teen-ager, I invite you to be a Campus Champion for Christ. ●



Interview with Governor Sanders of Georgia

By Wallace C. Swilley

Sunday School and Youth Director of Georgia

Governor Carl Sanders was elected last September at the age of thirty-seven. He is pictured above on the left. The Reverend Swilley is on the right.

Question: I understand you are an active Sunday School teacher.

Answer: I am and have been an active teacher for about fourteen years. The Sunday School class I have taught for these years has been a Godsend to me, a balance wheel to keep my feet on the ground. Teaching has helped me to know that man cannot live without having a real intimate relationship with God.

Question: In what way has the Bible helped you most in your personal life?

Answer: The Bible has helped me tremendously. Without the Bible, I would have no guide line to live by. The examples of character and sacrifice constantly challenge me. The Bible is the bedrock of all teaching and is to me the only thing we can cling to as a hope for the future and eternal life.

Question: What do you think teen-agers can do to fight Communism and juvenile delinquency?

Answer: They must become active in the proper things, such as their local, state and national government and the church. Also the closer that young people of this state and country come to God it is less likely that they will ever deflect into the belief that they can live a life without God. This is the answer to Communism and juvenile delinquency.

Question: Why do many teen-agers drop out of the church?

Answer: There are so many material temptations for young people today. Society has set up a standard that makes it hard not to be attracted to material things more than God. To keep the teen-ager the church must convince them that they can afford to miss the material things of life, but they cannot afford to miss what can be found in the Word of God and the church.

Question: What are the possibilities of nuclear war in the decade of the sixties?

Answer: I think it is very possible that we could have nuclear war at any time. We are living in a world where many countries and leaders have completely abandoned God. As long as we have people who live in total disrespect for God it is possible to have a nuclear war that could completely destroy the world.

Question: Where is the answer to the world's problems today?

Answer: It lies in putting Christ in the proper place. We must keep Him in government, in business, in our homes, in our churches and in all of our activities, never forgetting that with God everything is possible and that without Him nothing is possible. This is to me the hope of the future. The simple solution to the problems of the world is for people to turn to God and away from the idols that so many have set up to worship today. This is the only answer.

"Thank you very much Governor Sanders for this time and the excellent answers that you have given."

May I say that during this interview I was tremendously impressed with the sincerity of our Governor. The kindness and cordiality extended to me shall not be forgotten.





EASTER VICTORY

By Roy Bernard Jussell

THOUGH ON THIS Easter day we sing from exultant hearts the glory and promise of the risen Christ into heaven, do we hesitate to contemplate on our own eventual ascension, even fear it and shun discussion of it?

On a recent Sunday after church services, a wife was heard to inquire of her husband if he had liked the pastor's sermon. He replied with some annoyance, "Yes, but the pastor needn't harp so much about life after death."

Why should any of us want to close our ears to hearing of the new life to come? Why block our minds against reflection on it?

That the young should do this is comprehensible; for them, heaven seems remote, and time ahead long. Yet, how long does anyone have? In His divine wisdom, God has not told us how long we will live, so we plan, and hope, and expect. However, the immovable barrier, *uncertainty,* stands resolute before us.

It is, then, even for the young; a delusion to think that time is long; it isn't. Only *God willing,* it can be.

So, of time and of the hereafter should we not remind ourselves again and again that our Lord's kingdom is not of this world, and should we not think with joy on our hereafter?

Heaven is victory over sin and mortal death; gladness in the beyond, with life that lives on and on in peace and purity, the very antithesis of life on earth.

What a joyful promise this is! What perfection, what measureless victory against the world of cruel struggle, deep sorrows, base betrayals and heartbreaks, which all must come to know at last.

Thus, to contemplate on the hereafter, together with spreading the gospel of our Lord's kingdom, can only be what our God meant it to be. Let us not become so attached to, nor so engrossed in, this short span of earthly living that thoughts of our blessed tomorrows in the hereafter are deferred to our final hour. Let us look forward with glad hearts to that day when we, too, are gathered up to live in glory with our heavenly Father. ●

Behold The Man!

By Ruth May

"Behold the Man!" cried Pilate, as he faced the multitude.

"I find no fault in Him—" (I find Him only just and good.)

To you, the people of His kingdom Him I now present;
And Him I will release to you, if you will give consent.

But cried the crowd, "Him crucify; Barrabas to us give.

And on our children through the ages let His blood then live."

So Pilate washed the blood with water from His pallid hands

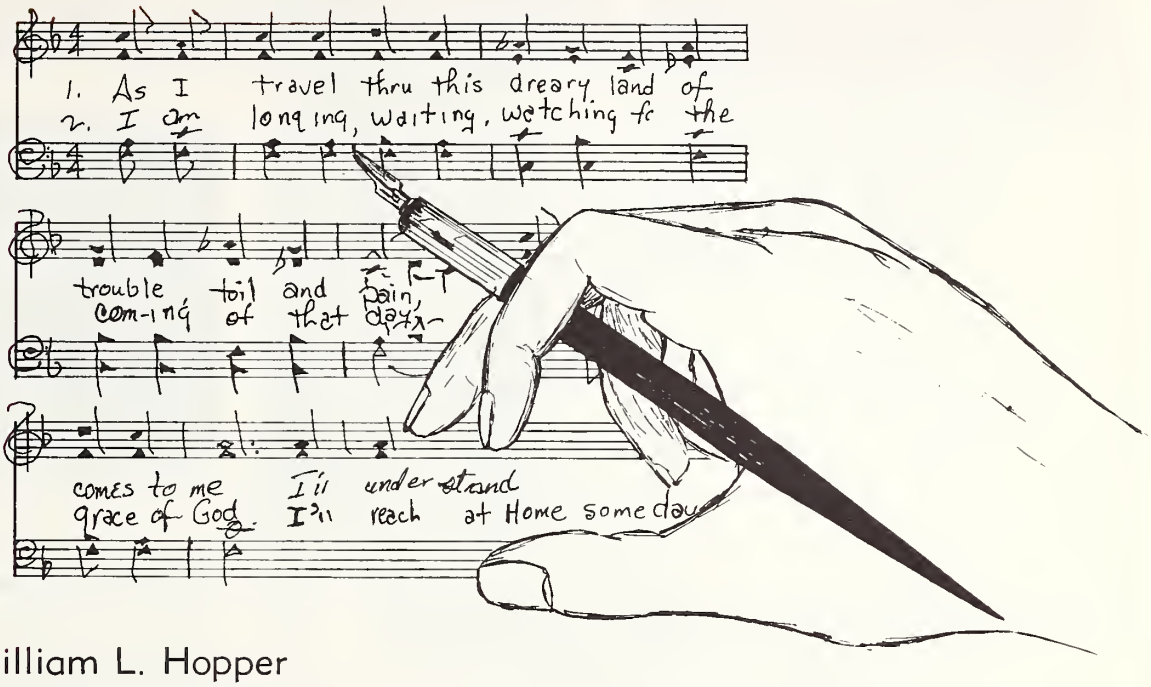
And vowed that He was innocent therefrom — the record stands.

But through the ages Pilate's choice forever is renewed

By all who lose their lives in swaying to the multitude.

■ *Miss Ruth May is an avid worker with the young people of her local church, the North Cleveland, Tennessee, Church of God. She is secretary to the Reverend C. R. Spain, General Secretary-Treasurer of the Church of God.*

The Unfinished Song



By William L. Hopper

THE TITLE OF the song was "It Won't Matter Anyway". The writer was the Reverend J. T. Melton, then pastoring the Church of God in Big Spring, Texas.

In the latter years of his life, God gave Brother Melton the privilege of writing some very beautiful songs. He had been active as a music director for many years and had served as the chairman of the choir directors committee at the Texas camp meeting for several years. He was known and loved by all who attended the camp meetings. Just prior to the 1962 General Assembly, he was called home to his eternal reward.

I was conducting a revival for Brother Melton, in Electra, Texas, when God gave him his first song. He was hesitant to show it to me, feeling that perhaps God had given it to him only for his personal pleasure. After persuading him to let me look it over, I found it very inspiring.

I asked him to let me set the song to music and send it to our publishing company. "I Have Started For That City" became one of the most widely used songs ever published in our convention song books. His second song entitled, "It Pays To Be A Christian" was published in the Diamond Jubilee song book. He also had one of his songs published in 1961 by the Stamps Quartet Music Company.

The unfinished song, "It Won't Matter Anyway," was just beginning to come into his mind when he was temporarily halted by the hand of death. He had written down one verse and half of a chorus when God called him home. Here are the words he had written.

"As I travel through this dreary land of trouble, toil and pain,
I am made to wonder while down here, that I must so remain;
But the thought that comes to me, 'I'll understand some day,'
When my journey here is over, it won't matter anyway.

"I am longing, waiting, watching for the coming of that day,
For by the help and grace of God, I'll reach that home some day. . . ."

Little did he know how soon that day would come. Perhaps he is singing the finished song to the angels on heaven's golden shore.

The Church of God has lost a great warrior. His wife and son have lost a wonderful husband and father; but heaven has gained another beautiful voice to add to its angelic choir. If there is a need for song writers in heaven, I am sure our dear Brother Melton can furnish them with some wonderful songs. But, as he said, "It Won't Matter Anyway," when we get there. Of one thing I am sure; there will never be an *"Unfinished Song"* in heaven. ●

■ *The Reverend William L. Hopper is not only an ordained minister, but is also a well-known writer of gospel songs. He is presently pastoring the Church of God in Pampa, Texas.*

YOUTH IN ACTION

PORTLAND, OREGON DISTRICT YOUTH RALLIES ARE SUCCESSFUL

Kenneth J. McCoy

Our district theme for 1963 is, "I Will Dedicate My Life to Thee in '63," and that is what we are doing. As district youth director, I try to visit each church once a month in an attempt to stimulate enthusiasm in the Sunday school and Y.P.E. Also in these visits I get new ideas for future rallies.

My visit to the Powell Boulevard Church revealed a capable Y.P.E. leader and a busy group of young people. They send postal cards inviting people to our youth rally and then phone to remind them the week of the rally. The youth in all of our churches are working hard to promote the gospel and to add to their number.

The Tacoma Street Church young people made phone calls encouraging attendance all through the month which paid off in our January rally. They took the banner by having present eighty per cent of their previous Sunday school attendance. The Silverton young people are putting forth a challenging effort to go home with the banner from our February rally. They have been making personal contacts inviting many to the youth rallies.

Our youth rallies are successful because everyone works, including the pastors on the district who support our program to the fullest extent. We come to our meetings expecting a blessing from the Lord, and we leave having been filled with His presence.



Mary Garnita Brooks

KENTUCKY GIRL WORKS FOR THE HOME FOR CHILDREN

We are happy to announce the winner of the $5 scholarship to the 1963 Youth Camp, Miss Mary Garnita Brooks of the Eminence Church. She worked hard in the annual Fall Festival for the Church of God Home for Children and collected the first $25 worth of canned goods for the support of our Home. We wish to congratulate this fine young lady for her hard work in this worthy effort for God.

—Walter C. Mauldin
State Director

HERE AM I, SEND ME!

(From page 11)

I went back dejected. Facing me were three huge mountains of circumstances that only God could move. Difficulties rendered my going impossible, and the Board could not finance me. So that was that.

God does all things well. I knew He had not called me in vain! I would go to China someday soon. Four months later, a Chinese man, Samuel C. Hsaio, came to the Missions Board and gave the needed information about Paul C. Pitt and his death, (See "Beloved of the Chinese," *Macedonian Call,* April 24, 1961).

He also reported that he believed at least five Churches of God are still functioning in Communist China! As he talked to the Missions Board, their hearts began to be moved by the dire need of the Chinese. It had been 21 years since Brother Pitt died in China, and the Church of God has not yet replaced him with any other missionary, even in free China.

Every heart pounded, "We must redeem the time!" The opportunity is here—but who can go? The only application was Martha Smith's. She was unqualified, but there was no other. "We must redeem the time!"

After much debating and planning the Missions Board decided to permit me to go after my graduation from Lee Bible College. I will be expected to study the Cantonese dialect six hours a day, for two years. Attempts will be made to eventually establish a work in Hong Kong and, if possible, to find the "lost" churches. So today I tenderly grasp the broken threads of our Church of God in China. Even so, I am painfully dependent upon God's strength and wisdom.

Young people, will you thoroughly dedicate your lives to Him, and be caught up in His blessed plan? Only through labor, consecration and sacrifice will we become the "heroes of faith" for tomorrow. ●

WOMAN OF MAGDALA

(From page 6)

But Mary stood without, by the sepulchre, weeping and refused to leave with Peter and John. Why should she be denied this last privilege of anointing in death the body of the One who had delivered her from a life worse than death? Continuing to weep, she stooped down and looked into the sepulchre, and behold there were two angels, one at the head and one at the foot of the place where the body of her Master had lain. As she started in surprise, one of them said kindly, "Woman, why weepest thou?"

She answered, "Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him."

As she said this she heard a slight movement behind her and turned. There stood a man; He,too, said to her, "Woman, why weepest thou."

She supposed he was the gardener and moved quickly toward him saying, "Sir, if you have borne Him hence, tell me where you have laid Him and I will take Him away."

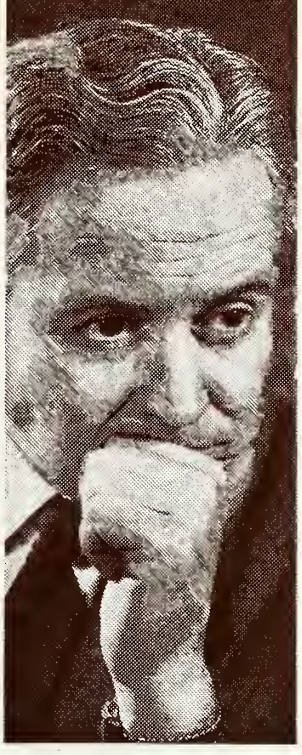
Then the Man stepped toward her. "Mary," He said tenderly.

"Rabboni!" she cried, for she knew it was the Master.

She ran toward Him and would have embraced His feet, but Jesus stepped back saying, "Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, 'I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.'"

Then He disappeared. But there was peace in the Magdalene's soul. Her Master had risen from the dead and was indeed the Messiah. That day Mary Magdalene went forth from the garden possessed, not with seven devils, but with the power of the resurrection.

She knew somehow, since Jesus had said to her, "Touch me not," that her new relationship to the Master was on a higher spiritual plane than before. Her task was no longer to clasp His feet, but to carry the message of the resurrection to the sorrowing disciples and to all the world. ●



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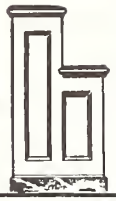
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I WAS AT THE TOMB THE FIRST EASTER

(From page 12)

that was wrapped around the Lord's head. It was folded together in a place apart from the linen clothes. As John took notice of all these things, it was then that he believed.

"We turned and walked away in silence with many thoughts suppressing our minds. We had seen with our eyes the empty tomb. We had visited the tomb of the dead but there was no dead!

> Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time (1 Peter 1:3-5).

"We retraced our steps through the streets of Jerusalem. We waited; we would soon see Him ourselves. We would soon examine His side where the Roman's sword had dug; His hands, where the Roman's spikes had held Him to the cross.

"I, Peter, have lived many years since that memorable morning. Now it is very plain to me. Whatever excuses the world may give for not believing in the Lord's resurrection matters not to me, I was at the tomb the first Easter." ●

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NATION'S TOP TEN IN HOME DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE

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East Gadsden, Alabama	1,385
East Lumberton, North Carolina	649
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina	570
Atlanta (Hemphill Avenue), Georgia	543
Radnor, West Virginia	480
Louisville (Portland), Kentucky	470
Fresno (Temple), California	450
Draper, North Carolina	432
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Florida	423

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia	50
Georgia	28
South Carolina	25
Michigan	21
North Carolina	19
Alabama	16
Ohio	15
Oklahoma	15
Pennsylvania	14
California	13

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Bladenboro, North Carolina	460

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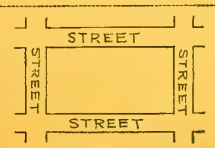
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YOUTH WANTS TO KNOW

By Avis Swiger

Should we look at the movies that are on TV? I know our church teaches against going to the movies. Is there a difference?

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YOUTH *and* PRAYER

MEN WHO HAVE become great for God have been men of prayer. This is true of persons from Moses to Charles Finney and from Saint Paul to Billy Graham. These men have been willing to completely consecrate their lives to God and to stay consecrated by regularly communing with their heavenly Father in prayer.

To maintain this closeness with God is not easy. Nearness to Christ requires constant self-examination and continual dedication to Him. Any Christian can live on the periphery of Christ's grace, but it takes genuine effort to stay close to Him. This closeness is achieved and maintained only by consistent prayer, Bible reading, and close following. If youth of today are to be used of God, they must be persons of prayer.

Youth need a time to pray. The best time is in the early morning. Arising a few minutes early for time alone with God in private devotion requires a little effort; however, it pays rich dividends. He whom we follow prayed early. "Rising early in the morning long before daylight (Jesus) left and went out to a lonely spot and prayed there" (Mark 1:35, Berkeley). Everybody needs a time to pray. "If you don't have *a* time to pray, you won't have *time* to pray," it has been said.

What are you to do in a morning devotion? Commune with God. Here is a plan you can follow. Begin with a short prayer, thanking God for a night's rest and for the opportunity to serve Him during the day. Then read a chapter or a portion of a chapter of the Scriptures, starting, say, with the book of Mark. As you read make a mental note of some promise or application to you and when you pray, claim that promise.

Now, you are ready for prayer. Begin by *adoring* God. Just as you would not blunder right into the President's office and blurt out a request to him, neither do we rush headlong into the courts of heaven. Adoration of the Trinity is the purest kind of prayer. You are not asking anything for yourself here; this portion of your prayer is all for God.

The next step in your prayer is to *confess* your faults to Christ. Yesterday you just told "the plain truth" about a fellow Christian—God called it gossip. Yesterday you stretched the truth and called it a slight exaggeration—God called it lying. So just confess to God, for He knows all about it anyway.

Then spend a few moments in *thanksgiving*. Being thankful is an important ingredient in the recipe for the abundant life in God. However, since the nine thankless lepers, too many Christians have not voiced their gratitude to Christ for His multitudinous blessings. These include food, shelter, clothing, health, salvation, the church, and myriads of others.

Now you are ready for *supplication*. This is when you make your requests known to your heavenly Father. But even now you don't pray for yourself! You pray for others first; your pastor, your family, your friends, your neighbors, your missionaries. Then make your personal petitions known to Him.

It borders on sin to let your mind wander completely from what you are saying when you pray. A friend would not excuse your being so indifferent when talking to him. Then why should God overlook this? He is great! The Creator of the universe! He is worthy of our keenest attention. You should be alert and think when you pray. It is the *effectual* (powerful), *fervent* (glowing) prayer of a righteous man that avails much.

Prayer is vital to youths who would effect success for God. Prayer is more than a present help in time of trouble: it is this, but more. David Lemons, while speaking before several hundred youths recently, said, "The highest function that can be performed by a human being is to commune with God in prayer."

Tennyson wrote:

More things are wrought by prayer
  Than this world dreams of.
Wherefore, let thy voice rise like a fountain
  For me night and day.

May Christ teach us to pray.

Clyne W. Buxton



A Journey To A Mother

By Irma Hegel

ALL THE WAY TO OHIO, Jeffrey Barnes had the uneasy feeling that he should never have left Pittsburg. He glanced at Robin Dean on the seat beside him, blond hair, like spun sugar beneath her trim blue hat. She was wearing a blue suit that fitted her pleasingly curved body to perfection. As long-lashed very blue eyes smiled into his she murmured, "Stop looking so worried, Jeff. We're going home."

"Your home," Jeff corrected. "What will your family think of me, barging into a celebration on Mother's Day?"

"You're practically family." Robin waved a white gloved hand. "You'll meet Mom, my four brothers, my two sisters, not counting all the in-laws and

the youngsters. It's your opportunity to meet the entire family at once.

They had started before 5:00 a. m. to make the one hundred and fifty mile trip from Pittsburgh to Lindon. Jeff knew he had already put off too long the meeting of Robin's family. How did a man explain his attitude to the girl who was going to marry him in two short months; that is, that he detested family gatherings of every kind, that he thought Mother's Day a highly profitable commercial scheme and the sentimental cards positively mawkish. Robin would not see eye-to-eye with him on that score. She held a large fancy-wrapped package on her lap. Tucked in the ribbon was a card with the words, *To My Dearest Mom.*

Jeff had never known his own mother. She was someone who had pushed him into a foundling home. He had remained there from infancy. In high school a scholarship had carried him to the university. After study, hard work, and complete independence, he was an accountant now, well established in his own business. Robin, at first a secretary, had become his right-hand assistant. Their friendship was uncluttered by any family.

But that was the rub. Robin was bound up in family ties. Every holiday had to be spent with Mom. She observed every Christian ritual of her youth, including regular church attendance, Bible reading, grace before meals, tithing, serving. Jeff had joined her church, hoping to win some of her enthusiasm, but again the dreary years of his childhood kept him from an active participation. He felt himself incapable of belonging—always someone apart.

They reached Lindon, a typical Ohio country town with white spired churches, old-fashioned clapboard houses and maple-shaded streets.

"It's good to be home and in time for church," Robin said ecstatically. "There's our home, Jeff, the grey one with the wide porch in front."

Five cars were already on the drive. Relatives and relatives' children spilled everywhere.

"Mom, darling!" Robin rushed toward a tall raw-boned woman with the homeliest face Jeff had ever seen.

In the confusing babble of voices, embraces and kisses, Jeff was introduced to red-haired Mom to the attractive assortment of sisters and brothers, nieces and nephews. It took five cars to carry the entire family to church and two entire pews to seat them.

Later there was dinner at home with two long tables shoved together and chairs gathered from everywhere. Robin's sisters and sisters-in-law had cooked up a banquet. Red-haired Martha sat at the head of the table like the queen-mother. When she prayed, all heads bowed. You have to grow up in a family to enjoy anything like this, Jeff thought.

Robin and her folks asked him an occasional question and kept politely drawing him into the animated conversation. He answered in monosyllables and his gloom mounted. He did not belong. He would never belong. In that mountain of gifts on the coffee-table, he had merely added a formal box of candy with his business card inside. Wryly he wondered if the day would ever come when he could address his future mother-in-law as "Mom"?

THE INTERMINABLE meal finally dragged to an end. The small children were hurried off for naps; the older children were sent out to play. The women cleared the table and washed dishes while the men gathered on the porch to talk. Jeff adroitly let himself out of the back door to the yard.

"Too much family too soon?" The voice startled him and he looked into Martha's homely face.

"I'm rather used to being by myself a great deal." He was stiffly courteous.

"Robin tells me that you were an orphan, raised in a foundling home," Martha said. "So was I. Sometimes it takes a bit of doing before we get that feeling of belonging to the God who created us and actually loving our neighbors. I was about the homeliest girl you ever saw, Jeffrey. No man would have me. I was twenty-eight before I gave my heart to the Lord in last-ditch desperation. Like the old hymn says, I'd go where He wanted me to go, I'd do what He'd have me do.

"God don't have as many volunteers as we think He does, leastways that's what our pastor told me. Pastor sent me to a motherless home where there were seven young ones and an ailing father. Robin was no more'n two then." Jeff stared at the red-haired woman. "Do you mean to say you're not the blood-mother of this extensive family?"

Martha shook her head, laughing. "Better not let them hear you say that. *Mom* it is and *Mom* it will always be from Stan to Robin. Before Chris died, he married me so no one could take the children away and I'd have the house. Can't do much with just a house. Youngsters must eat. I worked as a cook in the school then started serving church suppers and catering at weddings— things like that. To hear the family tell it, you'd think I did it all by myself. Building the catering business, I mean. God was my partner and the children worked right at my side."

"Why?" Jeff demanded.

"Because it's the answer to loneliness, Jeffery. Whatever you have been denied, that you give in fullest measure. If you had no love, then give the more of your own love. I've had a rich life. The children grew up strong and healthy. I educated them all, and saw them well established in their chosen careers. Every one picked a good mate. I want to make sure Robin is choosing wisely too."

"I have my own business," said Jeff. "A substantial savings account. Bonds. No debts."

The brown eyes, under the fiery red hair, regarded him soberly. "That's not important. How have you filled the gap from the foundling home till now? Are you on speaking terms with the Lord? What have you done for another?

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The Crowning Joy

A GROWING-UP SON

It seems like such a little while
Since he was playing at my knee,
And when I spoke to him my eyes
Would downward turn his face to see;
And now in just a few short years,
(O God, how short the years can be!)
My eyes must upward turn, for then
He will be looking down on me.

Dear God, if in the years gone by
I have been in some measure fit
To merit childhood's upturned gaze,
And only quail a little bit,
Please help me in the coming years
A nobler woman yet to be—
That when his eyes must downward turn
His soul will still look up to me.

—Dorothy Markham Brown

By Mrs. F. W. Goff

THERE ARE FOUR distinct areas in which we wish our children to grow—physically, mentally, socially and spiritually.

Every mother thrills as she sees her children grow. The marks by the door rise higher as we get out the yardstick year after year. As pounds add on and the cheeks produce a ruddy glow, happiness comes to the heart.

While children are growing physically their intellects are developing. They are quick to perceive. It is the home influence that will mold their thinking for future years. These are the challenging years, the formative years. Sometimes our happiness is sharp, almost to pain, when we see the eagerness with which our children learn.

It is a complex world we're in; our society will not always agree with the strict teachings of holiness. We must have God's help to instill strength and courage in their hearts along with the principles of right. It has been said, "The best way for a man to train up a child in the way he should go, is to travel that way himself." Let them hear kind words, holy conversation. Let them not only hear, but feel the security of our faith in our loving heavenly Father.

Jeremiah, the prophet, writes, "It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth." Children grow socially as they learn to get along with others in the home. Not only to enjoy the blessings of the home, but also to share the tasks. Discipline in the home and respect for proper authority will make them better citizens.

Most important by far, and the fact that brings the most joy to the heart, is to see our children grow spiritually. Of all our responsibilities, this is paramount. Jean Wade Rindlaub, speaker at an American Mothers' Committee Meeting had this to say: "There are only two bequests we can leave our children. Roots and wings. Roots in such things as the true deep faith which has stood our ancesters in such good stead through the generations. Roots which will guide our children in choosing between the true and the false, the just and the unjust. And wings that will teach a child how to soar into wider and still wider worlds of understanding."

The book of Deuteronomy gives this solemn injunction, "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of

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WHAT'S THAT ABOUT LAURELS

By Grace V. Watkins



DO YOU HAVE a double-sized yen to become basketball captain and win the trophy for being the best all-round athlete at your school? Do you desire to get into a glamorous social club and be chosen homecoming queen?

If one of these, or some other big, glittering laurel is on your list of most wanted things, have you ever asked yourself *why* you want it or how you'll use it if you get it? Do you know how you and that big rosy laurel stack up together, Christian faith-wise? Maybe at this point you murmur, "Does it matter *why* I want that laurel?"

To answer that question, let's have a look at Nancy, Brett, Jim, and Mary Ann, laurel-minded teen-agers in any town, U. S. A. Nancy wants to be homecoming queen. Why? Because she'll get her picture in the paper with an exciting write-up, and she will wear a gold crown! Bret wants to be basketball captain because he comes from an underprivileged home and feels he'll "show" people he's really somebody if he grabs that laurel. Jim wants to get the athletic cup because he thinks it will make a hit with future employers.

Mary Ann wants to get into the fabulous club because the most "exclusive" girls in town belong to this club.

"Whew, what motives!" you say, and tell yourself that they rate "unsatisfactory" where Christian faith-living is concerned. Right! No one should have the slightest thought of gaining personal honor in serving others or in witnessing, but rather his purpose should be to glorify God. By thinking of self is like saying, "Look, everybody! Please *oh* and *ah* at how prominent I am!"

At this juncture you're probably thinking that those teen-agers don't actually get any real joy out of their laurels. They're just tied in tight knots about what other people think of them! But let's use more binoculars instead of rose-colored glasses in looking at laurels. From a long-range view, how do prominence and laurels rate as goals?

To find out, let's see what Jesus Christ had to say on the subject. Incidentally, can you visualize Him as wanting His picture in the paper, or pining to be chosen adviser for the Fisherman's League, or receiving a badge for oratory? You probably shudder at the thought.

SPEAKING TO THE multitude and His disciples about the Scribes and Pharisees, our Lord once said, "But all their works they do for to be seen of men . . . and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues . . . And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:5, 6, 12). You frown and ask, "Does that mean that receiving honors and awards is *wrong?* that it's a sin to be prominent?"

Of course not. It's the craving for these things, seeking them for self-satisfaction and pride that Christ condemned. If you were going to tell "in fifty words or less" where the four teens we surveyed are sadly off track, you might express it this way: Prominence and laurels aren't necessarily good or bad, but it's why a person wants them, how he gets them, his attitude of mind and heart when he receives them, and what he does with them afterward that counts.

When laurels are received with humility, with Christian dedication, with a desire to use them for God and humanity, they're glorious-plus. For this sort of laurel-receiving means the person has grown in ability and vision, can take fuller responsibility, has widening horizons, and has a Christ-filled heart and mind.

How would you evaluate the following definition of a laurel for a Christian teen-ager? A laurel is a trust from God in recognition of ability, attainment, promise, to be received with prayer and rededication of the future to His glory and service to others. ●



Young men who will work alone in different areas as evangelists.



These students will disperse to foreign fields to witness.

1963 SUMMER WITNESSING TEAMS

By Donald S. Aultman

Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director

MARK THESE PLACES on your map and make room for them in your prayers: Denver, Colorado; Saint Paul, Minnesota; Richland, Washington; and New England. These are the target areas for our 1963 Summer Witness Teams. It will be the aim of these teams to begin new churches in Denver, Saint Paul, and Richland, and to strengthen works in New England begun during the past two summers.

The official team selection and dedication service was conducted in the Lee College chapel on Friday, March 8. At this time approximately fifty college students who had previously expressed a desire to work this summer were named as team members and Crusade evangelists. These young people who walked briskly forward to take their places in front of nearly seven hundred Lee College students, faculty and staff members were not novices in the Lord's work. They had been taught in the Scriptural techniques of personal work, and had been trained to put these methods into action by participation in numerous witnessing invasions.

As National Director, Cecil Knight gave the dedication prayer; a great spirit of worship came over the service. Observing this scene, one felt



With Charles Beach (extreme left) these students will spend the summer witnessing in the states of Washington and Utah.



Led by Doug Slocumb (second from right) this team will witness in St. Paul, Minnesota.



This group, led by Peggy Humphrey, Lee College instructor (upper right), will witness in the New England States.



These students, led by Robert Owens (extreme left) will witness in Denver, Colorado.

a deep sense of gratitude to God for the unusual young people He has given us. These zealous young Christians who have provoked so many to rise and "be about their master's business," never seem to grow weary of their work. Their vigorous witnessing portrays John Wesley's famous words, "all at it, and always at it".

In addition to the teams efforts mentioned, a number of Summer Crusade evangelists will go out under the auspices of Lee College and the National Sunday School and Youth Department. These evangelists will be working under the direct supervision of the area overseers where they serve. Their destinations will include Ohio, Arizona, Central America, Puerto Rico, and Europe. The European evangelists will be working with the Servicemen's Department of our Church. The consecrated efforts of the Lee College team members, the Summer Crusade evangelists, and the young people from the local churches who will join these efforts should bring in a great harvest of souls this summer.

The first priority of the Church is the great commission, given in Matthew 28:19, 20. The challenging counterpart to this commission is the implementation of this first priority of the Church found in the promised power of Acts 1:8. Christ is the focus! "Ye shall be witnesses unto me"; the world is the scope! "The uttermost part of the earth"; the Holy Ghost is the power: "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you".

I have great faith that the Church of God will become the first major Pentecostal movement to accept this challenge and give priority to this commission. We will never be, neither should we desire to be known for our status seeking, beautiful worship forms, magnificent churches, or impressive ceremonies. Nor was Christ known for any of these. But we can be known for our vigorous vocal testimony. "Let the Church of God be a witnessing church by life and voice." This is my daily prayer.

The revival has begun, perhaps as it should, among our young people. For the third consecutive summer, witness teams will raise their own money and finance their own trips to those very needy fields. Once again we believe that God will honor their efforts done to His glory. ●

A Boy's First Teacher

By Edna Conn

THE GREATEST ANCHOR a young person can have is a personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. The best place to receive that experience is in his own home. Clarence Benson, a great authority on child-training, stressed the importance of realizing that "the home is the world's greatest university and the father and the mother the world's greatest teachers."

In his introduction to a recent book on Mothers of America, Allan Nevins made this statement, "The very foundation stone of civilization is the family, and the heart of every family is the mother. Though this statement may seem trite and obvious, it is actually a scientific truth the full meaning of which few people perceive."

Motherhood is the bedrock of all life and experience. Since the time of Eve, there has been no life or being on the face of the earth which did not originate with a mother.

In all mothers there is a natural instinct to love and protect her own. Even the animals of the field share this instinct with human mothers. They feed their young from their bodies, they provide for them with their own strength and protect them with their lives. While this responsibility of the mother is basic and fundamental, any mother who supposes that her responsibility ends there has reduced herself to nothing greater than some mother of the wild. We are responsible not only for the physical and social development of our child but also for his spiritual life.

God has so provided that during the early and formative years most of the child's time is spent with his mother. Someone has estimated that of the 105,000 waking hours from childhood to maturity—

Only 1,000 hours are spent in the Sunday School.
Only 7,000 hours are spent in the public school,
But 97,000 hours are spent in the home.

And these golden hours are given to the mother when the child's heart is soft and warm, eager to be taught.

It would be difficult to overestimate the power of a mother's influence. The very word *influence* indicates an actual "flowing-in of some force outside ourselves." Nothing so clearly demonstrates this as the flowing of a mother's ideals and character into the heart of her child.

In writing to Timothy concerning his mother, Paul did not commend her because she had given him a good education or because she had taught him the social graces. He said rather: "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also" (2 Timothy 1:5).

A more recent example is the testimony of Dr. Frank Laubach who said, "From my mother the compassion of Jesus flowed into me." Dr. Laubach gave his life to teach the lowest classes of illiterates all over the world. He helped many thousands to a better life by his teaching. From his mother's daily life he had learned what it meant to be a Good Samaritan.

To the question, "What is the greatest need of France?" Napoleon once replied, "Mothers!"

"The future destiny of the child is always the work of the Mother," he said. "Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons."

America's greatest need today is for more dedicated, Christian mothers.

The average young American is not a juvenile delinquent. He is much the same as your son and your daughter. His character has been built out of the materials that we, his parents, have given him.

He is made in the image of God. Within him are the pent-up possibilities of greatness. Must that potential be wasted and ill-spent? Must he falter and stumble because we have not given him a firm foundation? Must he grope in darkness because we have not shown him the Light? Must he be forever lost because we have not led him to the giver of Life?

Thank God for the many Christian mothers in America today. Their faith is bearing fruit in the salvation of their sons and daughters. Many of these young people have caught the vision of Christian service. God will help them to serve nobly and well. The world will be a better place because they have lived.

These are the salt of the earth. Into their hands we must soon yield the banners of the Christian Church. When you meet them, treat them with respect! They are the hope of the world. ●

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BOBBY PEOPLES: SEEING - EYE EVANGELIST

By Hugh Johnson



"IT HAPPENED WHEN I was only a few days old. I never knew nor understood. But I found myself different—blindly different. I am blind."

After 30 years of blindness, Bobby Peoples, in his world of darkness, seems to be illuminated with a special kind of joy—that kind of joy that spreads happiness in the paths of others. To see Bobby in action you somehow get the feeling that the Creator has made for him a particular kind of world, pleasantly happy just his own.

Today, Bobby is an evangelist for Jesus Christ. Ordained in the Church of God ministry, he travels far and near carrying the wonderful message of Jesus in sermon and in song. It wasn't always so. Bobby had to be evangelized himself. Born in Enterprise, Alabama, at five years of age he became aware that his blindness was not normal. He began to feel the weight of his cross. Sinister days would follow. He was not like his playmates.

He knew not the colors, the stars, nor any of the visual objects; he only knew the birds, pets, and other external voices; he heard them but they were all beyond his shade of night. He listened to their music, their enchantments, and asked, "What are they like?"

Bobby grew up. He grew up f r o m many things! First, as a boy; then from pity, regret, and anxiety. He came to his crossroads; there he made his decision for Christ. He says now: "It was only by accepting Christ as a teen-ager that I was enabled to live victoriously. Bobby's advice to every young person is: "Give your life to Christ early—now!"

"No, I am not bitter. Now I know that God has used me for His glory. What I might have become had I had my sight, God only knows."

Bobby has been married since 1955. His wife, Teresa, is also devoted to the Christian gospel. They have a lovely little five-year-old girl, Renea. Teresa and Renea travel with their favorite evangelist to some of his revival meetings. When together, they work as a team for the Savior.

The evangelist has splendid musical abilities. He is an accomplished pianist and accordionist. He has special arrangements that are used with either instrument. He sometimes tells his life story while playing the accordion. Bobby presents an hour long musical program concerning the life of Christ which is awe-inspiring. He has written several songs. He will soon release his "Life of Christ" narration on a long play record.

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PEARLS of the ORIENT

By Sharon Cary



Sharon Cary is a fifteen-year-old tenth grader who lives in the Philippines. Her father, the Reverend Lovell R. Cary, is superintendent of the Church of God in the Philippines.

THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS are rightly called "Pearls of the Orient." Four years will soon have passed since we arrived in these islands. How well I remember that day! As the plane circled before landing, questions began to arise in my mind. What kind of land was I going to live in for five years; was it like the other places I had been in? Would I like living here?

I knew a little about the seven thousand island Republic, since I had known some Filipinos in Hawaii when we worked there. However, I was soon to learn more about the country, the different tribes and groups, and customs of the people I was to live with for the next five years. As I look back I remember how excited I was, but still a little homesick after the breakaway from our loved ones in America.

Now I know many of the major groups, especially the Ilocanos with whom our work is mostly located. The Ilocanos are a thrifty, industrious, and land-loving people. They are noted for their beautiful, artistic handwoven material, and their adventuresome spirit. Ilocanos are found on more islands than any other of the four major groups of people. The four groups are: Cebuanos, Tagalogs, Visayans, and the Ilocanos, the largest group. However, there are many groups besides the four major ones and all have their own dialect.

The Church of God in the Philippines is under the title of New Testament Church of God. There are two Bible schools. One located on the island of Luzon, and the other on the island of Mindanao. I have enjoyed visiting and working with the students, our future ministers, at both schools. The younger of the two schools is in Mindanao, the second largest island of the Philippine Republic.

This picturesque island is yet to be developed. It is more attractive than the main island of Luzon. When my family went down there last summer, we rode on a bus for five hours on dirt roads. I enjoyed the entire experience—free powder (dust), the narrow wooden bus seats, sun, wind and all.

Although religion is predominantly Catholic, many Christian Protestant groups are striving to fulfill the great commission. Still, with all the groups working, there remain tribes of primitive people to be told about Christ.

RECENTLY THE CONSTABULARY of the Philippines came across a cannibalistic group of people on the peninsula of Zamboanga in Mindanao. They found some human heads and baskets of human flesh. On the island of Luzon there are still a few primitive tribes. One of these, the Ilongots, are head hunters also. Not long ago this tribe went on the "war path," killing a number of people and taking their heads. They also take heads to better their social standing among their tribesmen. In order to attain certain ornaments for the ear, a certain number of heads have to be taken. Another primitive group, the Mangyans, on the island of Mindoro are very friendly but shy. Recently, my father hiked into the mountains where they live and stayed two days with them. He learned many of their customs and had the privilege of filming many of their activities. He felt honored because they had never permitted this before. Now he is called their "kaibigan," or friend.

This consequental country is a great challenge for labor for Christ. The people are hungry for the Word of God and receptive to the message. This is seen by the crowds that gather when the missionary visits a place. Too, we have never seen people so happy to receive Christian literature. We give it out by the boxfuls. When the invitation is given to accept Christ after the message, there are always many who come forward. They are not ashamed to raise their hands for prayer, to come forward to accept Christ, or to pray with us that they may be healed. They easily see their need for a Being they don't have—Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour!

Many people consider it a sacrifice to work on a foreign field, but for me it is a genuine privilege. The experiences and knowledge a missionary attains will be remembered for a lifetime. True, there are some disadvantages for a missionary's child, but if I can be of service to the Master the few hardships will all vanish as a vapor.

As I grow older, I do not know what the future will hold, but my desire is to do the perfect will of God, never doubting, but with complete faith in Him who giveth us the victory. My family is putting our faith in the Word which says, "Behold, I am the Lord thy God, is there anything to hard for me?" What more do we need when Christ is all, and in all?

We say sincerely, "Mabuhay (long life) to you from the Philippine Islands, and the wonderful people who are really the "Pearls of the Orient." ●



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CAMPUS CALL

HOLY SPIRIT OUTPOURING AT YALE UNIVERSITY

Edited by Norman D. Jones,
National Secretary of Youth Clubs

AS IN THE upper room 2,000 years ago, the Spirit fell and six of the men "began to speak with tongues as the Spirit gave utterance." If elsewhere in the dorm men overheard—and it would not have been hard—they might have wondered what was going on. If they had come to investigate, their reaction might have been that of bystanders at that first Pentecost: "These men are full of new wine."

Thus Reverend Harold Bredesen, Pastor of the First Reformed Church of Mt. Vernon, New York, recounts his first meeting with eight members of the Yale Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The group when inviting him to the campus had said: "We have been discovering intellectually for some years what the Work of Christ on this campus should be: we have never sought the Power to do it."

Not quite one month after the above outpouring, on October 21, 1962, the Princeton Seminary Choir sang at the First Reformed Church of Mt. Vernon. On that occasion, David Fischer, a Princeton Seminarian interning at Yale, told a story "that left Choir and congregation shaken, if not shattered. It was an account of the break-through he had just witnessed at Yale, where twenty men including a faculty member and five deacons of the University chapel had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spoken with tongues.

"When the mother of one of the deacons had shared her concern with Dr. Kenneth Scott Larourette, he, a great church historian, reassured her 'This is quite evidently a work of the Spirit.'"

Reverend Bredesen goes on to say that "Bishop Leslie Newbigin concurs. Recently introduced at Yale as the greatest Churchman in the world today, Newbigin met with the men involved, and expressed great joy at what they had to share. He prayed with them as they prayed in tongues and thanked God for giving them these gifts. He sees evidence of a fast growing world-wide revival of Apostolic witness and power."

The Holy Spirit was moving at Yale! Mrs. Jean Stone, Editor of *Trinity* Magazine, received a letter from Robert Morris, President of the Yale Christian Fellowship, which observed: " . . . it was certainly not by human might, or power, but by His Spirit that this happened, because the sort of things Pastor Bredesen talked about simply *do not go over* in the Yale atmosphere." Morris went on to explain:

> Don't get the wrong impression. A revival has not spread into the Church at Yale yet, much less the student body—YET. We are little babies in this dimension of existence, and very much in need of counsel and guidance, lest we botch up the whole works. But the gifts are real, and they do increase.
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> We have wonderful prayer meetings, speaking and singing in the Spirit; the Lord is giving us guidance in prophecy (unbelievable); and we have already known the Healing Power in Christ. The chaplins are cautiously open and sympathetic, but I don't think they are quite aware yet of how powerful and fiery the movement of the Spirit is and, by the grace of Christ, will become.

"Political revolutions start in universities. Why not spiritual ones?" asks Bredesen. Agreeing with him that "the students of today are the leaders of today," three men now at Yale are prayerfully considering a plan to devote a year of their lives to reaching other students here and abroad. They believe that in this baptism they have discovered Christ's promised power which will restore to His Church its long-lost initiative.

They are David Wills, a Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, Yale graduate, currently Carnegie Fellow on the Yale faculty; David Fischer, a Phi Beta Kappa, Summa Cum Laude, Stanford graduate, currently Danforth Fellow with the Yale Chaplains' Corps; and Yale undergraduate, Robert Morris, President of the Yale Christian Fellowship and Vice-Chairman of the University Chapel Deacons.

At the present the Blessed Trinity Society with which Pastor Bredesen is associated is projecting Christian advances on, or near, American university campuses. This will be the first stage of their World Student Christian Advance, whose purpose is not only to present the message, but to select the students who will devote a year of their lives to taking it to the world's great universities. To transport this Prince-of-Peace Corps" the use of a plane capable of Trans-Atlantic flight has been offered by friends.

In his book, *The Rule of God,* Harvard's Dr. Ernest Wright says: "In prophetic eschatology, the consummation of the Kingdom is to be marked by a great revival of charismatic happenings. In that day both leaders and people will be Spirit-filled and Spirit-empowered on a scale hitherto unknown." Of this, Pastor Bredesen says: "That day is upon us." ●

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Don't Get Your Course Before Your Heart

By Violetta Gammon

I SUPPOSE YOU young men are wondering about a female giving advice to you, for I doubt that we understand you any better than you understand us. But I feel a little more qualified than the average woman since I have four sons, three brothers, two nephews, and of course one husband! There are no daughters, sisters, or nieces in my family.

I admit that I don't understand the source of all your endless energy, your roughness, your love for wrestling one another; but perhaps when we think of your heavy responsibilities in life we can comprehend your actions or at least excuse them.

It is you who will largely determine the standard of living that your children will have. What a heavy load! It is you who will decide whether your children will have sufficient food or whether they will go to bed hungry. Whether you live in a shack, a tent, or a house depends upon you.

A young lady's main objective during her late teens is finding a husband. But yours is mainly finding the proper course in life. The thought of marriage comes later with you. It is good that God built and framed your mind thus, for on your life's course so much depends.

You may or may not have connected the title of this article with the adage "Don't Get Your Cart Before the Horse." I put a play on the words with the intended meaning: *Keep the important in front of the unimportant!* And as important as your profession will be, there remains a more vital phase to your life. That is the condition of your heart.

One of you reading this may become President someday. Who can say? I know many of you will have honored positions, but if you have a bad heart, spiritually speaking, you are really nothing. Boys, remember, what you are inside exceeds everything you are physically outside. You may be fine looking with an attractive physique, but the fact remains— you are an empty shell if your heart isn't right.

As head of the house (and God still means you to be, although your future wife may try to convince you otherwise) it is your duty to lead your marriage partner and your little ones in the God-fearing path.

Many men are shirking this duty and this is visible by observing how women out number men in church attendance. That includes all denominations. What a shame for father to let mother do his job.

Perhaps you are hindered at worship because of the notion that boys are not supposed to show emotions like girls. But to worship God requires a certain amount of emotion. To seek God with a repenting heart is the pathway to Him. There's no disgrace connected with weeping if you are so inclined. Jeremiah wept so much that in the Bible he was referred to as the weeping prophet. Also, to rejoice when feeling the peace of God within you is a rightful action.

You young men may even be hindered by becoming so busy, in preparing for your profession that worship has no place in your mind.

Then I think your all too practical mind becomes a block to your worshipping God. You try to reason God out in the natural sense. You may feel many restraints in giving your heart to God, but true success and happiness comes only when a life is surrendered to Him.

Put the major decisions in front of the minor ones. They will range thus: Your heart comes first, then your profession in life, and then your mate for life. Above all keep the heart before the course and all other good things will follow. God promises them to you. ●

SOCIAL WORK: A



The Social Worker

By William J. Krutza

FROM THE TIME Jane Adams said, "One does good, if at all, *with* people, not *to* people," many thousands have entered the exciting vocation of social work. The sixty nine-year-old profession now numbers about one hundred thousand salaried social workers.

Social work is a highly skilled profession. Most states require social workers with degrees. This education requires a basic college degree and then two years of specialized training and supervised work. Since many social agencies need more workers, they have made study scholarships available, thereby reducing educational expenses. Salaries are equal to those of teachers, nurses and librarians.

Since Christianity is basically concerned with the needs of all people the call into social work fits the Christian pattern. But one cannot go into it thinking that those whom he counsels will be quick converts because of their great need. The opposite is often true because many have turned against religion. The Christian social worker, trained under the latest psychological techniques, can go one step deeper into the needy lives; he can appeal to the heart. He also has a message that goes beyond the psychological pattern.

Social work is probably the most diversified of the helping professions. Psychiatric social workers might work with children to solve negative social patterns. A medical social worker might help arrange for the support of the family of a wage-earner who must enter a sanitorium. A public assistance worker will help a retired person secure suitable living conditions. The parole officer seeks jobs for those who shall soon leave prison.

A group worker might get on the right side of a gang and lead its members into constructive activities. The settlement worker will help the foreign language refugee adjust to this country. The child welfare worker counsels couples seeking to adopt children. The family counselor seeks to help couples avoid marriage break ups. The researcher tabulates statistics seeking to determine why people act as they do. Variety seems unlimited.

Social work calls for mature workers since most of their vocation is spent among people with problems. Most often they are called into service after something has gone wrong. A worker must have a high sense of purpose—something which is given to the Christian as the will of God for his life. He must also be able to take criticism and failure in stride, because every failure is usually blamed upon the worker, not the problem. Failures are normal because success involves the complete cooperation of all the participants, many whose failure to cooperate in the past produced the problems they have in the present.

A Christian approaching social work must have the Christian maturity to answer some of the purely animalistic theories that are given to solve man's problems. He must also have the wisdom to accept proven psychological theories.

If in every case you want to be of direct service to others, and you believe God has given you the spiritual, emotional and mental maturity to cope with the problems of others, enter social work. Through it you will help many readjust to society. ●

AREER FOR CHRISTIANS

A Way of Life

By Paul Duncan, B.A., M.S.S.W.

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SOCIAL WORK, BORN and nourished in the cradle of Christian principles and ideals, is a profession which has been overlooked by the career-minded youth in the Church of God and other Pentecostal denominations.

When the Church of God Home for Children recently began to develop its program of foster care and adoption, the officials of the Home realized that there is an acute shortage of professionally trained social workers within the church.

Social work is a dynamic and emerging profession. As such its goals and tasks are not as widely understood as they need to be. The church especially needs to be aware of the opportunities that social work offers to young Christian men and women who are seeking a career in which they can fulfill the God-given desire to help other people.

Most people are not quite sure what a social worker does, but many associate the job with poverty and poor people. Many people have the conception that the social worker is a nice old lady with high-top shoes who goes about giving charity to the destitute. This is an old-fashioned idea and it fails to recognize that social work is a complex profession requiring highly skilled workers who provide a wide variety of services to troubled or unfortunate persons.

In a child-placing agency such as our Home for Children we see the caseworker preparing a child for placement in an adoptive home or foster home. Many hours have already been spent in screening and evaluating prospective adoptive couples in an attempt to find the "right" home for the adoptable child. The thrill of seeing three people "united" by the spiritual and legal contract of adoption is a satisfying experience for the worker in the child welfare field.

Again we see a worker in a hospital setting, helping a family to understand and accept the fact that their father will always be somewhat handicapped as a result of the loss of his legs. The caseworker works very closely with the physician in helping each member of the family to adjust to the situation. Or, in a mental health clinic or mental hospital we see the social worker working with the psychiatrist and the psychologist. The caseworker obtains the social history and works directly with the patient or his family, depending on the needs of the situation.

At the juvenile court or in a corrections institution the social worker counsels with teen-age boys and girls who have committed acts of delinquency. The focus may be on evaluating whether or not commitment in a training school is needed, or it may be on helping teen-agers who are on probation to direct their energies in more constructive and socially acceptable ways.

NOT ONLY DO social workers work with individuals, but they also work with groups of individuals. The person who specializes in this kind of work is called a group worker. It may be in a community center, a YMCA or YWCA, a child-caring institution, or any one of several settings where there are groups of individuals who need a program of planned direction and guidance.

Of course these are not the only settings in which social work is practiced. To mention just a few others, there is the school social worker, the missionary social worker, the public welfare worker, and the community organization worker. In all these endeavors, the worker is interested in the welfare of the "whole" person, but he never attempts to deal with areas that rightly belong to the other professions. For example, the social worker could never take the place of or do the work of the minister. He could only supplement or work as a team with the minister in helping to meet the needs of people.

Salaries are comparable to those offered in education, public health, and similar fields. The National Association of Social Workers, the official organization of the profession, recommends a starting salary of fifty six hundred dollars for the inexperienced worker with a master's degree. Many public and private agencies have adopted this minimum salary for professionally trained workers.

Although salary is important in considering a job, it is not always the most important factor. Other factors include the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping others to help themselves, and the opportunity to apply Christian principles in a disciplined and constructive way.

It is exciting to use your creative talents and imagination in a profession which is ever-changing and never dull or routine. These reasons help to explain why many young Christian men and women are responding to the call of social work as a way of life. ●

YOUTH IN ACTION



Windsor, Ontario
Pioneers for Christ

This is a picture of the Pioneers for Christ Club in our church in Windsor. They are an outstanding group of young people who have dedicated their lives to the Lord and the church. They are constantly engaged in the many activities of the club.

In the past eight months, God has blessed our congregation in a wonderful way. We have had 23 new members added to the church, and 15 baptized in water. We are expecting greater things as we continue to witness for Him.—G. F. Kirby, Pastor



Contest in Gaffney,
South Carolina

Dewitt Duckett and Marie Tolbert, of the Church of God Home for Children of South Carolina were chosen king and queen in a "buffalo nickel contest" conducted by the youth department of the Gaffney Church of God. The winners are shown above being crowned by Ronnie Farley, first runner-up who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Farley, and Bennie Thorpe, of the Children's home. The king and queen were the finders of the most buffalo nickels.

Mrs. Ruth White is President of the Y.P.E. and The Reverend G. C. Spencer is Pastor.

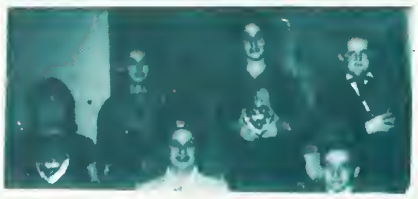


Banquet at Lexington, Ky.

A Dinner Meeting was held on February 12 for the Sunday School teachers and officers of the Church of God, 501 East Seventh Street, Lexington. Individual orders had been taken for box dinners from a local restaurant and were delivered ready to eat at 6:30 p.m. The ladies had also prepared pies, tea and coffee.

Rev. Walter C. Mauldin, State Sunday School and Youth Director, was our guest speaker. His inspired talk reminded us of our privileges and duties as teachers in winning the lost to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We were encouraged to sow more good seed to be harvested for our Lord.

A total of twenty-two persons were present, including our pastor, Reverend E. W. Carden.—Betty Sweeney, Reporter



Decatur, Alabama Youth

Pictured above are the winners and runners-up of our King and Queen Y.P.E. contest. Our pastor, the Reverend F. T. Dismukes, is a real inspiration to our young people in their accomplishments. This contest, along with an earlier one in November, helped our Y.P.E. to reach its goal of $225. This made full payment for our new church pulpit and two new altars.

—Horace Hall, President Y.P.E.



North Cleveland, Tennessee
Brownie Scouts

Brownie Scout Troop Number 215 of the North Cleveland Church of God recently presented the pastor, Doyle Stanfield, a twenty-five dollar check for the church treasury. The troop is quite active, meeting regularly at the church.



East Chattanooga, Tennessee
Young People's Endeavor

Our church recently sponsored a youth king and queen contest. Being crowned in the above picture are Tim Lifham and Sonjia Ensley. During this action-packed campaign our youth and children raised two hundred and thirty-two dollars.



Jellico, Tennessee, Sunday
School Workers

This is the picture of our Sunday school workers attending our teacher training class. There were fifteen who studied all five books and received diplomas in March of this year. All the workers studied hard and learned much so as to become better workers.—Mrs Lillie Davis, Reporter



TEACHER OF THE YEAR
WEST FLINT MICHIGAN
CHURCH OF GOD

For the past two years, the West Flint Church of God has been announcing a Sunday School "Teacher of the year." Each Sunday, teachers complete a questionnaire which pertains to their preparation, loyalty and performance of duty as a Sunday School teacher during the past week.

This form is given to the church secretary who totals the points earned by each teacher. At the end of the year, the teacher with the most points is proclaimed the "West Flint Church of God Sunday School Teacher of the Year."

For the year 1962, this much-desired title was bestowed upon Mrs. Eulean Carnes, who is teacher of one of the teen-age classes. Sister Carnes, a public school teacher, is the mother of three children. She is also the General Vice-President of the West Flint Y.P.E.

Mrs. Carnes was presented with an engraved plaque, a lovely corsage and was entertained at dinner. Also, her name has been placed on the beautiful "Teacher of the Year" trophy, which is displayed in the vestible of her church where the names of all "Teachers of the Year," beginning with 1961, appear.

Runners-up for 1962 were: Ethel Gladen, Mary Stultz ("Teacher of the Year" for 1961), Norma Taylor and Francis Williams. Bert S. Bingham is the General Sunday School Superintendent of the West Flint Church of God, and the Reverend O. W. Polen is pastor.

MISSISSIPPI TEEN DAY ATTRACTS 750 DELEGATES

Teen Day has become a big event in the lives of many young people in Mississippi. This was the third statewide day planned especially for teen-agers. The first year we had four hundred, the next year about five hundred, and this year we had seven hundred and fifty.



We are indebted to the principal, Mr. Eubanks, the assistant principal, Mr. Kennedy, and all those involved who made it possible for us to use the facilities of the high school in Mize, Mississippi, free of charge, for this great day.

The auditorium was almost packed at 10:00 a.m. when the state youth director, Reverend Paul Henson, stepped to the speakers stand to begin the activities of the day. Reverend Travis Henderson led the congregation in songs of praise, and a pledge of allegiance to the American flag, the Christian flag, and the Holy Bible. The flags and the Bible were presented by three outstanding young people, Miss Gloria Kennedy, Mr. Charles Duncan, and Mr. Carolton Sistrunk. Next as the "teen testimonials" were given, our hearts were thrilled as they told of God's Grace upon their lives.

At 11:00 a.m. the state director introduced the state overseer, Reverend John D. Smith, who greeted the congregation and expressed his appreciation for the youth program being sponsored by the youth department in Mississippi. The Reverend Homer H. Rhea, Jr., spoke on the subject, "A Teenager's Responsibility to His Country, His Church, and His Christ." It was an outstanding sermon given by a capable speaker. After the sermon it was time for discussion groups, which were led by the Reverend Gerald Johnson, Professor Charles Beach, Reverends Paul Barker, P. T. Palmer, David Williams, Floyd Carey, Jr., and M. H. Kennedy.

In the afternoon a basketball game was played in the school gymnasium. Afterwards in the auditorium we enjoyed an hour of wonderful "teen talent." We thank God for the great talent we have among our teen-agers.

Brother Beach closed the afternoon session with an appeal to the young people to be witnesses and soul winners for Christ. It was a great privilege to have Brother Beach in Mississippi for this occasion. Our Special Guest Speaker was The Reverend Gerald Johnson, a student at Lee College. He preached a powerful message and God honored it with a mighty move of His power among the youth. We had a great altar service in which many received spiritual blessings and new experiences from God.



Our hearts were challenged by the film "IMPACT." We thank God for the fine Christian teen-agers we have in Mississippi. We are looking forward to another TEEN DAY in '64. ●

From Page 5 A Journey to a Mother

You see, son, if there's no spiritual victory, man fails as a man or a woman as a woman."

Jeffrey looked off at the lilacs in their purple clusters, the tulips growing row on row. "That's it," he said like a man awakening from a dream. "All my life I've been taking. Even in Robin, I hoped to find an answer to my lacks because Robin, taught by you, had everything I wanted. You must have been praying to make me see the truth so clearly."

Robin's voice drifted from the rear porch. "How long are you two going to stay out here and talk? Mom, you haven't opened one single present yet."

"Go to her, Jeffrey," said Martha.

Jeffrey, with an abandon that was wholly new to him, hugged his arm around Martha's capable shoulders. "We'll go to Robin together, Mom. It's your day and my day too. It's not every man who finds a Mom on Mother's Day. What a mother you are! Hang it all, I love you, Martha.

Martha laughed. "Robin," she said as the two of them walked toward the porch, "you're going to marry a shameless flatterer, but he'll do."

Jeff grinned at Robin. He belonged. He knew it. He was going to get into those presents first, rip out that business card and write another message to Martha—a Mother's Day tribute with his love. ●

From page 6 The Crowning Joy

them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up" (Deuteronomy 6:6, 7).

The greatest education we can give our children is to teach them God's Word. It is the greatest guide for this life and is the only source of true happiness and peace. The Bible says, "And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children" (Isaiah 54:13).

Attending the House of God is a Bible requisite, but primarily it is the home that is responsible for the spiritual growth of children. Christian principles should permeate every part of the home life. Can you imagine a greater joy than gathering around the piano and singing the age-old hymns or kneeling together in prayer? It is around the family altar that many boys and girls first feel the wooing of God's Spirit and surrender their lives to Him.

What a rich reward it is to see our children, as they grow toward maturity, get a fuller insight into the depths and the riches of a fully surrendered life to Christ. What a rich reward for them to begin their adult life as strong Christians, knowing that, together with God, they are equal to whatever task He calls them to do. Yes, this is rewarding, but the crowning joy will be, if in that day—the great reckoning day—we can say, "Behold I and the children which God hath given me" (Hebrews 2:13) ●

From page 9 Bobby Peoples Evangelist

At Christmas time Bobby gives his musical Christmas story entitled: "The Birth of Christ". This narrative, like the "Life of Christ," is about one hour in length. All of his musical narratives have been well received throughout the country and have been used by the Holy Spirit to point souls to Christ.

BOBBY'S LIFE IS an unusual expression of happiness. Kind, considerate, placid, he will lift you! His exuberant manner of living is especially attractive to young people. He has many friends who are teen-agers throughout the country that pray for his work and his success. During his revival meetings young people gather around him, sing with him, and listen to him.

Bobby is a scholar. He likes to learn new things. He plans to write a book about the world of a blind person. His goal is to hear the Bible read through from his Bible on records twice a year as long as he lives. He says: "I intend to go as long as I'm able. I want to evangelize in more new states and win more souls to Christ."

This cogent evangelist has helped other blind persons to adjust themselves. His advice to the handicapped is not to feel sorry for themselves, but to understand that there is a purpose in life and that there are many, many things that a handicapped person can do.

Newsmen are happy to do a story on Bobby. They like his attitude and his zest for living. As stated in a recent news story of a large city newspaper, his unusual gift for describing the different colors with certain sounds on the piano is amazing to everyone. Bobby seems to reach out with a "sixth sense" when describing colors.

How about the future for Bobby? He keeps going! His method of evangelism will reach many, many more with the gospel of Christ as the Lord permits. His passion for souls, his courage, the music that comes from his soul, all set him aflame for the Saviour.

This world, as dark as it is, has been lighted somewhat by the kindly person of Bobby Peoples, the seeing-eye evangelist. From camp-meetings to cottage prayer meetings Bobby has lifted the despondent and faithless by his courageous faith. In the end, Jesus, the Saviour, Who showed him the way on earth, shall welcome him to heaven. ●

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1 HEART BY 2 FEET

My small son made me ever so angry this week . . .
As he tracked muddy footprints at Hide-and-go-seek:
Our Father, please help him and me, too, I pray
To cleanse our hearts and our feet of clay.

—Margaret D. Green

I AM A MOTHER

By Joyce Starnes McKinney

Today, as I stand in my kitchen watching my five-year-old son slide down a hill in a pasteboard box, I wonder how much Christ-likeness he sees in me. I remember so many things about my childhood—the mornings when my father woke me up praying and the nights when my mother read the Bible aloud and we had family devotions.

Do our children know more television commercials than Bible verses? The training we give them from birth to six years determines what kind of men or women they will be. Most children spend twenty to twenty-five minutes in Sunday School each week and, for some, this is the extent of their Christian training. To have Pentecostalists of tomorrow who stand firm in the Church of God faith, it is our duty as young Church of God mothers to plant the right kind of seed in our children's minds.

Many parents do not know Christ. Had it not been for my early training, I, too, might have become a parent without a faith anchored in God. We can teach our children to trust in the Lord and have personal communion with Him. Otherwise, by observing our lives, they may come to the conclusion that God is afar off and not interested in their personal needs.

As far back as I can remember, both my parents have been Christians. I was reared in strict Church of God fashion. Growing up and gaining the maturity to face the crises of this changing world is not an easy process. I remember one of the most disappointing times of my teen-age life. At the close of my junior year of high school, I was elected president of the rising seniors. This was a great thrill to me. However, when the next spring came and it was time for the junior-senior dance, my parents told me that I should not attend. The senior class president always made a speech at this dance, so I thought I was missing a great deal. After getting alone with the Lord in prayer, however, I came to realize that my parents had made a wise decision. I praise God today for the strict Christian heritage which I have.

Will our children rise up and call us blessed? Are we too involved, too rushed to take the necessary time to train our children in the home? More than any other generation before them, they need to have God implanted in their lives before entering school so as to be able to stand firm for Christ.

May we as young Church of God mothers consider our vast responsibility. Then may we take a new start, make some new vows to God, and train our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

■ Joyce McKinney is secretary to the editor of this magazine and is the wife of the Reverend W. Dean McKinney. Into the home of this young couple has been born a daughter and a son. Therefore, Joyce knows the responsibility of a mother.



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Total Monthly Attendance for February

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	4,321
East Gadsden, Alabama	1,057
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina	676
East Lumberton, North Carolina	674
Fresno (Temple), California	600
Radnor, West Virginia	539
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia	536
Landis, North Carolina	450
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Florida	408
North Rocky Mount, North Carolina	400

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia	50
Georgia	28
South Carolina	25
Michigan	18
North Carolina	18
Alabama	15
Florida	15
Oklahoma	15
Ohio	14
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Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962	47
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Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962	94

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Birmingham (North), Alabama	752
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	750
St. Louis (Gravois Avenue), Missouri	710
Atlanta (East), Georgia	650
Ranlo, North Carolina	650
Fort Mill, South Carolina	600

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Average Weekly Attendance
February, 1963
200 and Over

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	316
Jesup, Georgia	302
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	249
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	235
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee	235
Saddle Tree, North Carolina	225
Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	205

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Watch: "Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak," Christ said in Mark 14:38. He is saying, *Keep your eyes open, watch where you are going, and don't forget to pray.* God has given us the spiritual perception to recognize right and wrong and the courage to choose between them.

When temptation comes we are actually to turn and run from it, for as Saint Paul taught youthful Timothy, one should *flee youthful lusts.* Everybody will be tempted but only the careless persons yield. The temptation may be to smoke, drink, go to the wrong places, or do the wrong things. By *watching and praying* we can avoid these sins.

Operate: "And if thy hand offend thee (cause you to stumble) cut it off," Jesus taught in Mark 9:43. Christ advises surgery, if necessary, for victory! He is simply saying, *Be severe with sin.* Ted Engstrom states: "If some friend, or some favorite magazine or occupation causes you to fall into sin, then cut it out of your life immediately. If you don't kill sin, it will kill you. This may mean saying no to certain dates, or refusing to go to certain places; but it's the only way to keep clean."

Jesus does not mean that young people cannot have fun. Christian youth can have more genuine enjoyment than the unconverted youths. The enjoyment, however, must be of the right kind and with the right crowd. What can Christian youth do for fun? Everything that's worthwhile, that's wholesome and uplifting, that leaves one feeling good afterwards.

Dr. Clyde Narramore says those who state that "Christianity 'limits' their fun are only revealing their own personal lacks. Lacks? Yes, lacking in spirituality, in personality, in imagination, in versatility, and in Christian training. . . . a person who is alive and interesting and vital can always think of something to do, and have a good time doing it. . . . The fact is, non-Christians have a harder time finding something to do than the Christians do." The non-Christian will never find the joy, the thrill, the victory which he seeks until he finds Christ.

Dedicate: Jesus said, "Come, follow me" (Luke 18:-22). The victorious Christian follows Him in prayer, Bible reading, witnessing, and church attendance. To neglect these four areas leads to a powerless, defeated life. The youth who is on his knees stands tallest and goes fartherest with Christ. We should *pray without ceasing* in a spirit of thankfulness. "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

It is a grand privilege indeed to say with the poet:

In the center of the circle
Of the will of God I stand:
There can come no second causes,
All must come from His dear hand.
All is well! For 'tis my Father
Who my life hath planned.
—Author unknown.

Blessing others, satisfaction, peace of mind, and happiness are signposts on the highway of victorious living.

Clyne W. Buxton

LAVERNE KLOTZ

WHITHER THOU GOEST

ALAN KING SAT at the breakfast table looking over the morning's mail. Betty, his wife, was at the sink doing the dishes. The mail was unusually large. Alan, looking at each piece before opening any, commented, "Most of it has been forwarded from Smithville."

Having said aloud the name of the town they had so loved and left only weeks before, Alan wished he had not spoken.

He looked up and, as he suspected, saw that faraway, sad look on Betty's face. Alan could do nothing to change that look, nor could he change the circumstances that caused it.

Alan looked around the room. It was not the bright airy Smithville kitchen. The view out these windows was of brick walls, not the grassy hills of Smithville covered with wild flowers. Smithville was farm country, open and clean; this was the big city, crowded and dirty.

Alan had to force himself to stop recalling what had happened. He could not change Betty; he did not understand her attitude. In these past weeks he had trained himself to live with the problem by repeating to himself what he knew to be true. *This is where God sent us; the church here needs us more than the one at Smithville does.*

Even knowing that he was in the very center of God's will did not alter the expression of Betty's face or her attitude. Even her voice betrayed how she felt as she asked, "Anything interesting in the mail?"

"The usual bills, the usual advertisements. Oh, this is interesting."

Betty waited while Alan read the letter.

"My old Army unit from Korea is holding a reunion."

"They do that every year," said Betty flatly.

"Yes, but it's in this city next month. I can attend for once. It won't cost anything."

Betty said nothing.

Reverend King ignored her lack of enthusiasm as he went on talking.

"It would be fun to see the guys again. We had some good times. Did I ever tell you about the time . . ."

"I'm sure you did."

Alan was hurt by the bored, impatient edge to the voice that had once been so happy.

For a moment Alan thought to talk to Betty once more about the decision that had brought them to the city, to the church in the slum area. Then he decided against speaking. Words had failed him too often with Betty since they had left Smithville. He couldn't reach her. He could only pray she would see it was God's will for her to be there, and with that assurance, perhaps her mood would change.

Alan gathered up the mail and headed for the door. "I'm going over to the church, I'll try to get home for lunch."

In the days that followed the receipt of the letter, Reverend King found consolation for his inability to reach Betty by looking forward to the Army reunion. He had not seen any of his buddies since being discharged. There had been a year of college for him to finish. He had married, then there was the seminary and then two churches before coming to the city.

At first some of the fellows wrote, then there was an occasional postcard, then just an exchange of Christmas cards. For the past three years, he had not heard from anyone.

The work of the church and the thought of the reunion made the days move fast for Alan, but Betty's attitude toward the church and toward him made them unhappy days.

"Do you think you ought to see a doctor," Alan suggested after Betty had complained all day about the community.

"I'm fine," Betty answered coldly. "What I need is a cure for this place."

Alan would not, could not talk to her. He was talked out. He was almost afraid to talk for fear he would say something he would regret.

He had always felt that the marital vows for a Christian, particularly for a minister and his wife, should have more meaning than for others. He had thought Betty and he agreed on this, now he wondered. He wondered whether he and Betty agreed on anything. He began to feel he never really knew Betty, never understood her.

It had all begun, Betty's unhappiness, the friction between them, her seeming to lose her Christian joy, when Alan received the call to preach at the Lawson Central Church.

"Where's that," Betty had asked, full of curiosity.

"It's an inner-city church, right in the heart of a slum area."

"You'll refuse the invitation," Betty said confidently.

"No. I'll go. They've been without a minister for six months."

"JUST DON'T WAKE ME UP TO TALK WHEN YOU COME IN."



Illustrated by Freddie Coleman

He had gone, he preached, and he saw the countless ways he and Betty were needed. If ever they could render a service for God, Lawson Central was the place.

Alan returned to Smithville full of enthusiasm. He had prayerfully considered the change before he even went to the city. He wanted God's guidance from the very outset. While in the city he was not only conscious of the needs of the people, but of God's nearness to him. He returned home to be greeted by coldness. Betty was adamant.

"I don't believe God wants us to move."

ALAN ARRANGED his schedule the week of the reunion so he could be at the downtown hotel from the time of the dinner until as late as he cared to stay. Betty was not at all pleased with his going; and her send-off was less than cordial.

"Just don't wake me up to talk when you come in."

Alan knew the Betty who made that remark, who once longed to share his every thought, was not the one he knew in Smithville. Somehow, somewhere, he would have to find that other Betty—and soon.

The reunion was a backslapping, handshaking, joyous success. To Alan's surprise, he was seated at the speaker's table and lead the group in prayer for those killed overseas from their group. After dinner as they broke up into small groups to sit in various lounges and talk, a man approached Alan.

"I never thought I'd see you again," he said as he offered his hand to Alan.

"Should I know you?" asked Alan, unable to place the man.

"Not n e c e s s a r i l y. My name's Rhoades. Ken Rhoades."

"Of course. You've put on weight."

Alan remembered Ken. He had been attached to their unit for a short time as intelligence officer in Korea. They had gone out on patrol together once.

As they talked two things were apparent to Alan. The first was that Ken was not drinking as the rest of the men were. The second

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thing was that Ken had changed. He was no longer the cynical, loud, opinionated scoffer Alan recalled his being.

When Ken began to tell Alan a little of what he had done in Korea, Alan sensed his story was one Betty should hear, so he suggested they go out to the parsonage to talk. Alan had gone to the hotel by bus, but he was willing to take a cab home. There was no need; they went in Ken's car.

Betty was still up when they arrived. Her greeting was almost friendly and she went to make coffee. When she came back to serve it, she found the two men in earnest conversation. Taking a seat next to Alan on the couch, she listened.

"We've moved three times in the past five years. And I hate to tell you how many miles I travel each year as a sales manager."

"That's hard on your wife, isn't it?" asked Betty.

"It's always hard to move, but we always feel it's the thing to do."

"You can't very well turn down promotions," said Betty.

"Oh, the moves never mean more money, but they always give us a chance to meet more people, spread the word."

"Spread the word?" Betty asked. "I suppose you mean in selling your product?"

Ken laughed, "You've hit it right on the head."

Alan was pleased at Betty joining in the conversation. He was even pleased by the puzzled look on her face as Ken continued.

"I was delighted to find your husband tonight, I wanted to thank him for setting me up in business."

Betty was now thoroughly confused.

"Alan and I were on patrol one night. I was a tough guy who thought Alan was soft for being a Christian. His whole way of life was different from anyone I had ever met. He always volunteered for the dirty work, took loads of ribbing and abuse, but always came up smiling. I hated the Commies while Alan openly admitted he prayed for them. He used to tell us that some of the Commies were Christians. He believed it because he knew missionaries had been working with the people. He felt they were being misled by the Communists."

"What had that to do with Alan setting you up in business?" asked Betty impatiently.

"Well, we were under orders to bring in some prisoners for questioning. Alan and I were two of the guys who volunteered to go behind the enemy lines and capture some. I was all for knifing those we saw. One thing about Alan, his faith made him strong. Alan managed to tackle one of the guys all by himself."

Betty now looked at Alan. This was a story he had never told her. Alan felt he should say something.

"So the guy started jabbering something in Korean," Alan picked up the story. "We got him back to the interrogation tent and a translator. Ken had to hang around, but I took off for bed, still hearing the prisoner saying the same thing over and over. It was a sing-song phrase that served as a lullabye for me. That was the last I heard of the whole episode until tonight. We moved up the next day and Ken was transferred to another group."

"But what about the business?" Betty had now lost the whole train of thought. What had a North Korean prisoner to do with this salesman who moved from city to city like a gypsy?

"When Alan got up to pray tonight, I knew I had my chance to thank him. When we talked and he remembered the episode of the prisoner, I asked him if he was ever told what the sing-song had been. He said he presumed it was a sentence the prisoner had memorized from one of the surrender leaflets the Air Force dropped over their lines."

"Was it?" asked Betty.

"No. He was saying over and over, 'For God so loved the world.'" He was trying to speak English. Alan was right. Some of the people had been reached by missionaries. As that prisoner spoke, everything Alan had ever said in the time I knew him made sense. I was ashamed to have lived all my life

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For Young Women Only

BE SURE BEFORE YOU SEW



BY VIOLETTA GAMMON

I KNOW MANY of you girls have waded through your Home Economics course in high school. Don't let me discourage you who may be starting into high school this fall, for this, without a doubt, will be one of your most interesting subjects. Long after you forget your Latin words and geometry symbols, you will remember the way to cut out a dress or bake a pie.

To this day, I make my pie crust exactly the way my Home Economics teacher taught me. The sewing class was a lot of fun too. In fact, I thought I knew as much about sewing in a couple of weeks as my teacher knew. But I soon learned that I hadn't learned what I thought I had learned.

We all were being taught to make a pair of pants. (Had I known that I would become the mother of four boys, I would have paid more attention.) The rule of my teacher was that you did not sew one seam without her personal permission. Having sewed for about four weeks, I thought that I could surely sew a little more without bothering the teacher each time.

I sewed up the last two leg seams without checking to make sure I was doing my job properly. When I finished my sewing and took the pants out from under the needle, I could plainly see that there was a bulge where there shouldn't be. It looked as if one side of the pants had more material in it than the other. I very humbly and embarrassingly called the teacher. She talked to me the way teachers do when they aren't exactly pleased. I'm sure you girls don't need a description of that conversation. She ended with, "Well, Violetta, there's only one thing to do. Start ripping!" I thought that I would never get all those little stitches out which an electric sewing machine so hurriedly had put in. It took me several days using my whole period just sitting and taking out the stitches. But one day with my teacher's help, I sewed the cloth together again. The pants were eventually chosen to be worn in a style show. The end was a happy one but I had to give up many precious minutes because of my foolishness.

This has an application to your life. You are entering into womanhood, and must face the fact that as a woman, you are given the responsibility of raising or lowering the moral standards of your home, your community, and your country. From the beginning of history, woman has carried this responsibility. Do not shirk it for it is God-given.

You will exercise a greater say-so in the characterization of your children than their father. When a little child is sick, he calls for Mother. You will be the one who must answer his call. Be worthy of his call!

Although some of you will follow a desired career before marriage, most of you will become housewives and mothers in the not too distant future. Watch your ways now, as you approach these beautiful years ahead. Always behave the same in the presence of your best beau as you do in the presence of your parents, neighbors, and friends. If you will never go anywhere or do anything that you could not come home and describe to your parents, your mother and father will never face any shame from you. And remember, that although you may go somewhere that is questionable and manage to conceal it from your father and mother, there is Someone who sees you.

Thousands of girls would like to be in your shoes and have a clean path before them once more. Some are sitting at home picking the threads out of a broken and ruined life. It will take years to perfect the pattern and sometimes with the best of repair work, the restitching will show.

These words which we find in the book of Proverbs will describe what God thinks of purity.

"A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones" (Proverbs 12:4).

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches" (Proverbs 22:1).

I, along with thousands of other Christians, have a great concern for your future happiness. Remember that your pastor is a friend and counselor to you. God is your ever near guide—let Him lead you. And someday when your wedding cake is being cut, you will think, *I'm so glad that I walked in the right way.* You won't have to waste precious years ripping out badly sewed seams. ●

GOD'S LEADER IN THE HOME

By W. Doyle Stanfield

SHORTLY AFTER NOON on a cold, blusterous day my dad returned to the house to tell the story that changed his life. A hard rain had just fallen in the hills of North Georgia. Dad was going to the barn to feed the cattle, and upon looking back he saw me trying to step in his tracks. He finished the feeding and returned to tell Mother he was going to mend his ways because I was following in his footsteps. He realized his vast responsibility as a father.

Fathers' Day is observed annually the third Sunday in June to pay honor and respect to the numberless faithful dads in this fair country of ours. All the honor and favors we can show our father on that day are mere tokens of our feelings.

Through blood, sweat and tears our forefathers have preserved this glorious heritage that we possess. At the sound of the battle cry, our fathers of today would march again to defend our freedom as did our forefathers.

Dad sits in the governor's chair and provides direction for the home. The rules may be agreed upon in a family meeting but it is he who sees that the rules are enforced. His position demands respect and honor. "Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, and despise not thy mother when she is old" (Proverbs 23:22). "The eye that mocketh at his father, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it" (Proverbs 30:17).

Every part of the home is affected by dad's personality. His choice of food is especially noticed. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matthew 5:6). When the son sees the father eating at the church table, partaking of the "true bread" which comes down from heaven and drinking of the "water" that he will never thirst, the son will become hungry and desire to consume these eternal values. General Marshall said "If we do not train our children, we cannot blame them if they go wrong."

When the prodigal returns home, he finds a place of protection. Dad is a police officer. He protects the home from the world's vices, such as cards, liquor, obscene literature and many other things too numerous to mention. Being a dad is not a part time affair; rather a full time commitment. No wonder the Bible says in numerous places to honor your father and mother.

Teachers are not born, they are made through constant effort and study. Many times we learn more through secondary teaching than through primary.

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WHAT IS BEYOND THE COLLEGE GATES?

By Hollis L. Green



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"WHAT IS beyond the college gates?" This is the question asked by most students during the final days of formal education. The best answer is that after the last examination and the ribboned diploma is triumphantly exhibited, comes the school of life itself. One of man's strangest ideas is that education is confined to the classroom. An infinitely larger part of education comes either before or after school. It is clearly evident from life that success depends on continuous education. The "finishing school" has not been built. There are no terminal courses in education. The campus is a place of beginnings, a genuine "commencement" of a process which must continue.

Success in life is a conquest; not a bequest. It cannot be given; it must be achieved. Adequate preparation increases the chance of success. Everyone is not a genius, but any ordinarily talented person can be successful. Now, as in Aesop's time, the race does not always go to the one who potentially is the swiftest. The disciplined individual has no trouble passing a genius who has never improved his basic talents.

The graduate has watered the seeds of knowledge with hours of painstaking preparation. Adverse winds did not alter his course of study. Floods of knowledge did not quench his thirst for deeper learning and understanding. The search for the unknown continued and the quest for higher education was not abandoned. He has achieved, but the graduate must remain a student. The process of education must continue if the bounties of life's harvest are to be realized.

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What does the graduate take with him beyond the college gates? What is it that remains with him when all the details are forgotten? Does the sheltered life of the classroom prepare the student for the shock of the "hurry, worry world?" The student has been crammed into a crowded classroom, his days have been scheduled, and his homework assigned. For months he has sat staring at a blackboard, listening to a boring lecture, cramming for an exam, or waging war over the opposite sex in the campus social life. What happens now?

Life does not lie before the graduate like the steel tracks of the railroad. There are no time schedules, no one to force him forward, no one to discipline him, or encourage his efforts. It's competition all the way. The graduate steps from the classroom into a speeding world like a hobo jumping from a freight train. He is on his own!

School days to the student are much like "sand table warfare" to the soldier. When the "mock maneuvers" are past, both find themselves face to face with a deadly enemy. Courage, confidence and caution may be born on the battlefield, but they are conceived in the classroom. The problems, the propositions, the searching for solutions, the use of formulas and axioms seem to point to patterns that can be used to solve the problems of life. A problem solved in the classroom became a lesson learned for life.

The attractive thing about Charles Lindbergh and John Glenn

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DEDICATED TEEN-AGERS

By Homer G. Rhea, Jr.



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WE HAVE MUCH to cherish in our Christian heritage. Daily we should thank God that we are allowed freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to do what we please and go where we please, and above all, freedom to worship God.

Dedication to His Country

In these dark and chaotic times, what can you do for your country? Proverbs declares, "Righteousness exalteth a nation" (Proverbs 14:34).

In the words of Dr. Billy Graham: "The prophet Daniel lived in a pagan nation and under the worst possible conditions, but he did not fold his hands and wait for the judgment to strike that God had promised. He opened his windows toward Jerusalem, prayed and walked with God. As a result he experienced peace in his own soul. His life has been an inspiration to millions in every generation."

A Christian is a loyal patriot of two countries—both his native land and his heavenly land. Since he is a "fellow citizen" with all other believers, he can claim citizenship in heaven itself. Therefore, his responsibility is not limited to the earthly, but extends to the heavenly; not to his country only, but also to his church.

Dedication to the Church

The local church is established for the purpose of bearing witness to the truth concerning Jesus Christ. Only to the extent that Jesus Christ is magnified as God's Son come to earth to save men in the church fulfilling its reason for existence.

Teen-ager, you are a vital part of your local church; therefore, you share this responsibility to proclaim the truth of Jesus Christ.

Dr. Robert H. Belton, in his booklet "The Church and Its Ministry," graphically states: "The Church is not here to be a social service center, although it should be interested in social service; it is not here to be a goodwill industry merely as a philanthropic organization to make people's lives here and now a little easier, although it should be concerned for people's welfare. Its primary purpose is to be a pillar and ground of the truth of Jesus Christ."

Dedication to His God

A man in Burma found a copy of the Psalms which had been carelessly discarded by a traveler stopping at his house. He started to read it, became more and more interested, and before he had finished, resolved to cast his idols away. For twenty years he worshiped the eternal God as revealed in the Psalms.

Then he received from a missionary the first copy of the New Testament he had ever seen. This brought greater joy to his heart. He said, "For twenty years I walked by starlight; now I see the sun!"

We have the complete written revelation that God has given to man. There is no excuse for our being starlight Christians. We should walk in the fullness of God's light.

Oh, that we could see ourselves as God sees us! That we might learn that our accomplishments are not by might, nor by power, but by the Lord's Spirit! You cannot live the Christian life by yourself. The Holy Spirit must live in and through you. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me:* and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Should I choose two words to describe your responsibility as it relates to Christ, they would be *complete commitment.*

At the early age of twelve, Jesus taught us a lesson in commitment. As He made His journey to Jerusalem for the Passover, it seems that His mind was absorbed with one thing—thoughts of His Father. It was His Father's city whose streets He trod; His Father's house He visited for prayer; His Father's ordinance the crowds were assembled to observe; His Father's name they were dishonoring by their formalism and hypocrisy.

Jesus' impulse for the things of His Father was so great that He tarried behind when His caravan headed back to Nazareth. Three

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YOU CAN HELP THE SHY MEMBERS

By Grace V. Watkins



LINDA, CHUCK, Susan, and Bill attend Young Peoples Endeavor, but they never take part, never speak up in discussions, never offer prayer, never read the Scripture and never accept an office. They sit on the back pew as silent as statues. When the service is over, they whisper to one another and then slip out."

Does the above paragraph sound like remarks you and the other active young people are making to one another?

If your answer is "yes," you're probably asking one another, "What can we *do* about those back-seaters? How can we get them to take part?"

There are tried and proven ways for changing Linda, Chuck, Susan, and Bill from shrinking lesser lights to bright and active participants.

But first, have you thought about why it is that these girls and fellows don't take part? Do you feel that they don't want to take part?

Chances are that they do.

"Well, they certainly don't act as if they want to," you reply.

No, they don't. But, if you could see into their minds and hearts and read what's there, you'd learn that the "I-won't-take-part" mask is only a defense.

Most overly shy young people back away from participation at church or other groups because they've had some experience, or series of experiences, in the past that have given them an emotional shock, or fear of being laughed at.

Maybe Linda has an older sister that is prettier and more talented who makes Linda feel clumsy. Maybe Chuck's parents all unknowingly have pushed him too hard so that he feels insecure and "won't try." Could be that Susan has been made fun of by older people or by thoughtless teens; Bill has been criticized over and over until he's built up a wall of resistance. These things may have happened in early childhood and may be practically forgotten; but the impact lingers.

ONE WAY TO help these shy ones is to be friendly without overdoing it; appreciative without being gushy. A casual compliment on Bill's theme that was read in English class, Linda's new red sweater, Susan's tennis game, will break the ice.

Asking their opinion is another good approach. "What did you think of the assembly speaker at school Friday?" "How do you feel about the new band director's choice of music?" "How did you like the talk the student president gave?"

Another way to help is to find out each shy person's special talent, see how it can be fitted into your young people's program? You may obtain this information by asking friends, teachers, the youth counselor at church; or find out to what other organizations the shy one belongs.

If you discover that Chuck is A-plus on drawing, why not get the publicity committee in Y.P.E. to tell him he's needed to do an eye-catching poster for the big youth rally. If Chuck says he can't (or if he won't!) oblige, maybe he'll draft the idea and be an adviser for lesser artistic lights.

Shy girls and fellows who tend to "hang back" usually respond to work in minor roles at first—on committees, etc. After they've been initiated into committee work, they can gradually be promoted up the ladder.

The fact that Linda or Chuck is shy and has been a sideliner doesn't mean that she or he does not have a great deal of talent. Sometimes, in the long run, shy people prove to be the most talented and resourceful of all. They've only been waiting for someone to appreciate them and to help them get into the program.

Some Y.P.E. groups make up a list or chart with various activities, then pass out the list at a meeting and ask everyone to check it. A sure-fire way to get an accurate picture is to ask that each person put a "1" before his favorite activities, "2" before those he enjoys, and "3" before those he'd be willing to help with, even though they're not his stellar accomplishments. Then the committee can sort out the results and make assignments.

If you ask Jesus Christ to guide you in this sort of project; if you do your level best to help a shy Susan or a bashful Bill to flower out into a live-wire Y.P.E. participant, you may change the entire course of a life. With your friendship, appreciation, and assistance, the shy teen may gain a new faith in himself, may strike out into new endeavors, may find glorious new roads of service. And someday he may fill a post of splendid Christian service.

Many an outstanding Christian leader owes his start to some person who cared enough to take time and thought to help him overcome his shyness and find bright new roads of dedication that led to outstanding work in the kingdom of God. ●



HANG OUT YOUR LIGHT

By Ruth Starnes

IN OLDEN TIMES at nightfall the watchman would move through the city streets crying, "Hang out your lights, hang out your lights!" The challenge to youth in this hour is to be a bright and shining light for Jesus. According to Paul's words young people should be examples. It will cost you something to be a light for the Lord, but the reward at the end of the way is great. While Jesus was on earth He said of Himself, "I am the Light of the world." When He was preparing to go away, He turned to His followers and declared, "Ye are the light of the world." Our Lord speaks of the light that is in man and gives a solemn warning against the danger of letting it be darkened by neglect and sin.

The usual lantern in Bible days was made by stretching oiled canvas round a frame of wood or coil of wire. It was carried by a servant in front of his master to show a safe path through the unpaved streets. Lamps do not talk but they illuminate. Lighthouses make no noise but they give light. The Christian must let his light shine at all times to show forth qualities which will lead others to Christ. The torch of salvation may be lit in the church or in the secret prayer room, but it does its burning in the school or shop and on the street. Often, the highest revelations come to us when we are alone with God. Christian lives, under the influence of the Son of Righteousness, manifest a fervent heat. God gives us mighty pleasures, glorious hopes, a serene mind, and a calm and undisturbed conscience. While you are enjoying bountiful blessings from above, the world is in darkness. Hang out your light for Jesus!

Light comes from the Word of God. The Bible is like a window in this troubled world through which we may look into eternity. The Word of God anticipates the difficulties of the faithful and affords the most ample directions for any troubled person. Jesus came to give light for man's pathway through the journey of life. Walk in that divine light, for there is a hand above to guide you. Entertainment will not hold youth in church. An inner change that brings an inner urge to serve God is the only safe route for mankind. The herald of the gospel news is: *Jesus came to save.*

The Bible is the source of our knowledge of God. This book unfolds God's redemptive purpose toward man. It shows a vast panorama of truth about God's divine program for the ages. One central theme woven into its fabric of revelation is Christ. He is the key to man's life here and in the world to come. Through faith, prayer and the food supply in God's Word, man may renew his spiritual energies. The only safe thing to do is believe and accept the whole Bible from Genesis to Revelation.

HANG OUT YOUR light by living a godly life. We are told that only one person in every five thousand accepts Christ after the age of eighteen. Then, only one in every twenty-five thousand after the age of twenty-five. If you are unsaved, hasten to Christ for the need is urgent. Delay means disaster in the end. If Paul had been converted at seventy instead of in youth, there would have been no Paul in history. Matthew Henry was converted at eleven and Jonathan Edwards at eight. How much more a soul is worth in youth than one which has wasted a lifetime.

There is a lifetime stretched ahead of youth. Every chance beckons and every road invites youth in this land of opportunity. There is a road straight and clear with high peaks of achievement beyond, if he will

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A Story For Children

THIS WAY HOME

By NEAL NEITZEL

"I WAS SURE this way would take us home!" Donna said, her blue eyes bright with tears. She stared up at the high old-fashioned buildings above the sidewalk.

"I'm hungry," Jerry whispered, holding tightly to his sister's hand. "It's getting so dark! The air is cold. too."

They turned around and stared up the city street. Long shadows from the great office and store buildings on both sides of the block replaced the late afternoon sunlight.

Donna used her handkerchief to brush away those shiny tears. She was older than Jerry. She must be brave. If only she knew where they were! If only they hadn't tried to walk home a different way that afternoon!

"Let's walk this way," Donna said. She kept holding her brother's small hand. They followed the sidewalk to the corner and turned along a side street.

"We are lost, aren't we?" Jerry said, shivering and blinking his brown eyes very fast. Jerry didn't want to cry, either. But he was afriad. He was hungry and tired of walking so far. And, he was cold now that the sun had settled behind those huge gray buildings surrounding them.

Donna sighed. "We studied about Jesus and the lost lamb in Sunday School last week. Now, we are lost."

Jerry tugged hopefully at Donna's hand while they walked, hurrying along the shadowy sidewalks. "Could Jesus find us? Could Jesus help us get home?"

"Why, yes! Yes, I think Jesus can help us!" Donna said eagerly. She stopped and smiled down at her brother. "If we both pray and ask for help, I know God and Jesus will hear us!"

Both Donna and Jerry bowed their heads and closed their eyes. They prayed very hard. They asked for the help they needed to find their way home.

Just as they finished their prayers and raised their heads, a car turned the corner. The car slowed down and stopped at the curb. A tall man in a brown suit opened the door and looked at Donna and Jerry.

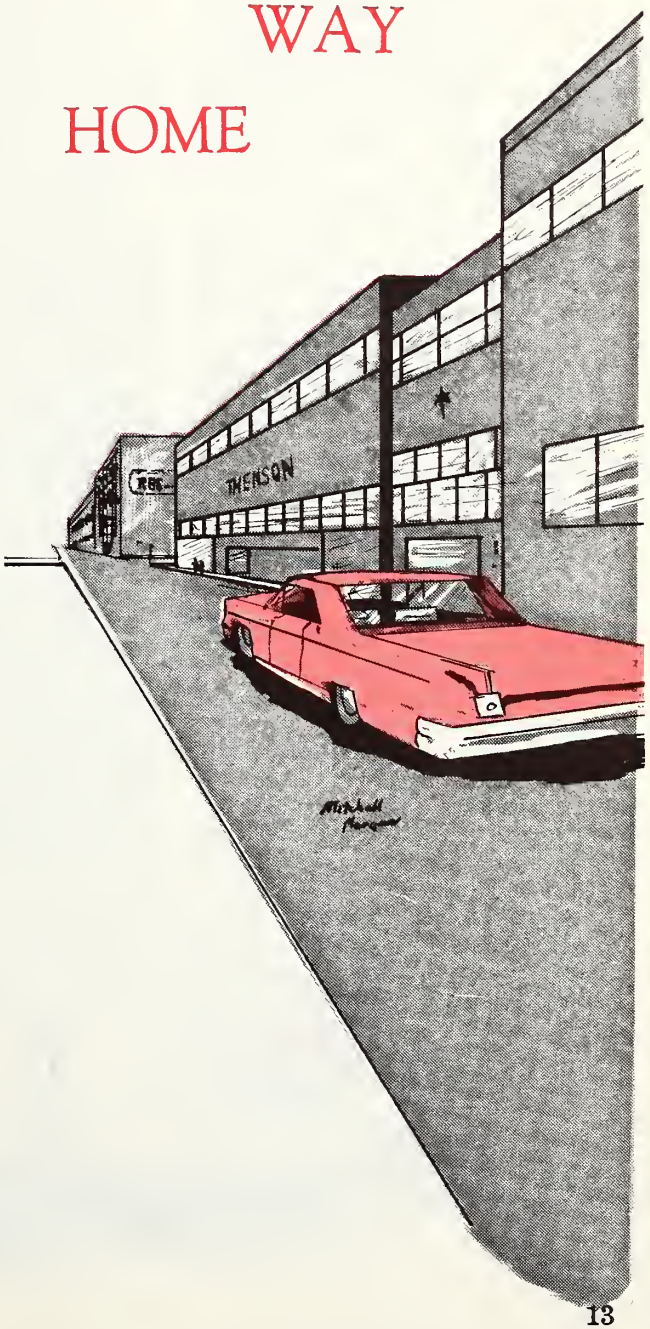
"Daddy!" Jerry cried, a happy grin lighting his face.

"Why, it *is* Daddy!" cried Donna as they rushed over to the car.

On the drive homeward, Jerry and Donna excitedly told Daddy how they were lost and how they had prayed.

Daddy smiled. "After this, always follow the path you know is right. Mother was very worried when you didn't come home. I'm glad you prayed, and I'm glad I found you before it got dark."

Donna and Jerry promised to always take the right way home after that day. How happy they were when Mother waved at them from the doorway of home as Daddy drove the car into the driveway! ●



An Account of George Whitefield

HE LIVED TO PREACH

By Esther Miller Payler

THE BEST DESCRIPTION of George Whitefield was: "He lived to preach." He came "from tavern to pulpit" for he was born on December 16, 1714, in a tavern owned by his parents in Gloucester, England, where he lived until he was ten years old.

In his youth George was fond of romantic reading and acting. His voice and talents could have made him an actor, but he chose the ministry, earning his way through college as a valet to richer students. While at Oxford College in 1735, he was converted.

At twenty-one George Whitefield became a preacher of the Church of England. He wrote: "This is a day much to be remembered. I am unfit to preach in His great name."

Whitefield attracted crowds in a miraculous way. Although a popular preacher, he felt called to America. Many tried to discourage him, but he sailed in 1738. Although a poor sailor, he preached regularly on the ship, had prayers twice daily and visited the sick. He wrote: "Many marks of sound conversion appear on several aboard. In the great cabin we talk of little else but God and Christ." His witness produced results.

Although ill when he arrived in Georgia, he conducted an average of two and one-half public services daily, and four on Sunday. He preached for all denominations, saying: "I love those who love Christ and am always ready to be their fellow-laborer."

Whitefield was ordained at the age of twenty-four. Besides preaching he wrote many pamphlets and letters. Because he preached doctrines other than those of the Church of England, many such churches were closed against him. This was God's way of getting him to preach in homes, in churches of all denominations and in the open air. This was the foundation of the Whitefield and Wesley revivals which shook England and America with a new spiritual birth.

In America, Whitefield wrote: "The whole world is now my parish. Wherever my Master calls me, I am ready to go and preach His everlasting gospel. My only grief is that I cannot do more for Christ. I ought to love and do much, having had so much forgiven. Pray, I may never be weary in well-doing."

Every page of his journal tells of continual preaching. With little rest, in all kinds of weather, Whitefield witnessed for Christ by sermon, song, letter and written word. He wished to provide a home for the orphans of his parish in Georgia.

Benjamin Franklin wrote a letter about Whitefield's preaching in Philadelphia: "It was wonderful to see the change made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless and indifferent about religion, it seems as if all of the world were growing religious, so that one could not walk through Philadelphia in the evenings, without hearing psalms sung by different families of every street."

This is the city another minister had written of a year before: "Religion is only a matter of form and dead formality." God worked many miracles through Whitefield.

AFTER A preaching journey of five months, Whitefield built the orphan's home in Bethesda, Georgia, with help from his own funds. When Whitefield was in Philadelphia, Franklin wrote: "I attended one of Whitefield's sermons, in the course of which I perceived he intended to finish with a collection. I resolved he should get nothing from me. I had in my pocket a handful of copper money, three or four silver dollars and five pistoles in gold. As he proceeded I softened, and concluded to give the copper. More of his oratory determined me to give the silver. He finished so admirably that I emptied my pocket wholly into the collector's dish, gold and all." That was poor Richard, who wrote of thrift.

Franklin tells of a neighbor who took no money when he went to hear Whitefield so he could not give. He was so influenced by the sermon, he tried to borrow from a Quaker, who answered: "At any time, friend, I would lend thee freely, but not now, for Thee seems to me to be out of thy right senses."

Throughout life, the friendship of Whitefield and Franklin grew. They respected each other and exchanged many letters.

Whitefield helped start a Presbyterian church in Philadelphia. Afterward this became the location of the University of Pennsylvania.





On Long Island, Dutch ministers gave him the use of their pulpits. He preached for Baptist and independents. He preached in all kinds of places. Once in a dance hall at an inn, he spoke and a number were converted.

Because of jealousy, Whitefield was tried by the Episcopal church court for preaching in churches which did not agree with that church and for praying prayers not in the book of Common Prayer. In spite of these persecutions, Whitefield continued preaching.

Whitefield helped with the "Great Awakening" in New England and then preached his way south to his orphanage. He went back to England to preach in England, Scotland and Wales. He again returned to America with the wife he had married upon his return home.

When he came to America ill, he wrote that a doctor friend "came to take care of me or attend my funeral, but found me in the pulpit."

Harvard College attacked Whitefield because he insisted that ministers too must be converted. Whitefield held no grudge, for 29 years later when Harvard burned, he begged books for them and was publicly thanked.

His American travels were tiring to his health. Travel was done by horseback, coach or boat, with none of the modern speed and comfort. Whitefield wrote: "We lead a moving life, but I trust we move heavenward."

He was called to Bermuda where he gave "a new baptism of the Spirit to pews and pulpits."

For three years between trips to America, Whitefield preached in England and Ireland. Many nobility as well as other people were converted. He labored to spiritualize the preachers of the church of England, thus changing them, instead of separating the two and forming a new denomination.

The only church appointments Whitefield ever had were his parish in Savannah, Georgia, and domestic chaplain to the Countess of Huntington.

ON HIS FOURTH visit to America, Whitefield was busy with his orphan's home trying to add a college for preachers. Often ill, he refused to stay in bed, but instead "ranged for souls." In England he published a hymnal and built tabernacles in London and Bristol where he preached to crowded congregations.

On his fifth visit to America he brought 22 orphans from England for his home in Georgia. The boat stopped in Lisbon where for the first time he saw the Catholic religion practiced. He wrote: "I am glad I am a Protestant." He wrote of this trip: "Thousands flock to hear the word preached daily."

In England there were riots at his meetings caused by mobs hired by certain jealous bishops of the Church of England. Whitefield's life was threatened often, but he escaped unharmed and continued to preach wherever possible.

Whitefield could not return to America because of the European Wars. He preached in England, Ireland and Wales. In Ireland he was pelted with stones which inflicted a deep wound, scarring his head.

Once when visiting the poor he gave all he had. When his companion scolded, he answered: "My stock is exhausted, but God will soon send me a fresh supply." That night, a man usually stingy, gave a large sum, whereupon Whitefield said: "God has soon repaid what I bestowed. Learn not to withhold when it is in the power of your hand to give."

When the Seven Years War was ended, Whitefield returned to his Orphan's Home and then to Philadelphia, where he preached daily. Although only fifty-five years of age he felt himself worn and close to death.

He spent the last two months of his life preaching in and around Boston, Massachusetts.

On Saturday, September 29, he left Portsmouth, stopping at Exeter to preach. A friend said: "Sir, you're more fit to go to bed than to preach."

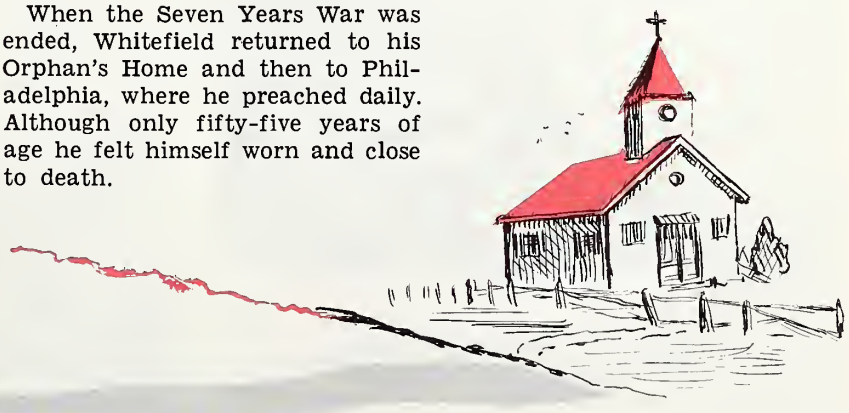
"True," replied Whitefield. He raised his eyes and said: "Lord Jesus, I am weary in Thy work, but not of it. If I have not yet finished my course, let me go and speak for Thee once more in the fields, seal Thy truth and come home and die." For two hours he preached his last sermon.

Arriving at Newburyport he had to be carried from the boat. People crowded into the house and outside, so he stood on the staircase on his way to bed and spoke to them in his last exhortation. The candle burned out in his hands as he talked.

A friend followed to his room and found him reading the Bible. He knelt by the bed, prayed and then slept until two o'clock. At six in the morning he died on September 30, 1770. His funeral procession was a mile long. More than six thousand people tried to crowd into the church.

"Whitefield was full of religious feeling and except when sleeping, he seemed to pray and praise always and e v e r y w h e r e," said a friend.

Whitefield lighted candlesticks that had gone out. George Whitefield is an example of what a person who consecrates his life from youth can do in a lifetime devoted to Christ. ●



CAMPUS CALL

Life at Lee

By Norman D. Jones

National Secretary of Youth Clubs



Leonard Walls (standing) is a Bible College sophomore and is from Winter Haven, Florida.

David Douglas (seated), whose father pastors the Talladega, Alabama, Church of God, is a freshman in Junior College.

Engineer "Lenny" Walls turned the musical introduction "down and under" as the reasonant baritone voice of David Douglas began . . .

> "From the beautiful and spacious campus of Lee College in the heart of Cleveland, we present 'Life at Lee,' a quarter hour of news and views expressing the plans and purposes of a community cultural center dedicated to the betterment of our world."

The music was then "brought up" to continue a weekly Sunday afternoon radio series by the Lee College Student Government's Public Relations Committee.

Public Relations Committee Chairman Leonard Walls discovered a Lee College freshman with experience in radio announcing. "Dave" Douglas had previously worked with stations in Charlotte, North Carolina. Together, Dave and Lenny have planned and produced "Life at Lee" for radio station WBAC in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Since Lee College is in a period of rapid transition and progress, first semester programs were centered around such themes as the renovation of Lee's campus, Lee's expanding curricula and facilities, and Lee's plans for the future. "The underlying purpose of each production is to inform in an entertaining way," says announcer Douglas. This is accomplished by reporting events of interest from the campus of Lee College and by presenting musical performances.

The program has been host to pianists, soloists, a guitarist, and the Lee College Brass Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Delton Alford. Along with live performances, various recordings have been used including the album by the Lee College Touring Choir.

Format for "Life at Lee" has been flexible enough to include interviews with foreign students and the development of such topics as freedom, friendship, and individuality. "Campus Call" tips its hat to Dave and Lenny for a valuable job well done. ●

Note: This page is dedicated to Church of God collegians and is a companion ministry to Campus Call magazine published by the National Sunday School and Youth Department.



This Alumni Expansion Club banquet convened recently in the Lee College Cafeteria.

ALUMNI EXPANSION CLUB

By Philip Morris
Executive Secretary
Lee College Alumni Association

The darkness on the eastern horizon steals away as the sun rises brightly in the sky. A new day is here for the Lee College Alumni Association.

One of the most progressive steps of the national association was taken last November 21, when the Alumni General Assembly approved the founding of a club to promote annual contributions. It is known as the Alumni Expansion Club (AEC). On March 6, AEC was launched at a leadership banquet composed of national and state alumni officers, the Supreme Council of the Church of God, and local Alumni. The newly formed club already has eighty charter members who have pledged to annually contribute ten dollars or more to the Lee College Alumni Association.

THE PROBLEM: On the day of graduation, May 31, 1963, Lee College will be the alma mater of approximately ten thousand students. Out of this number, the Lee College Alumni Association maintains a mailing list of less than three thousand persons and an active alumni list of less than five hundred. The primary reason for such a small number of active alumni is a lack of contact between the National Office and Lee Alumni; without operational funds, it is impossible to maintain contact.

THE SOLUTION: The Alumni Expansion Club is a club organized for the promotion of systematic contribution to the Lee College Alumni Association.

THE PURPOSE: Co-operation in AEC will enable your alumni association to maintain contact with alumni on the field, to expand our scholarship program, to increase our student loan fund, to expand the educational facilities of our alma mater, to expand our student recruitment, and to maintain our national office on the campus of Lee College.

THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Already through the Alumni Expansion Club, we have been able to hire a student as part-time secretary, and we have been able to maintain regular office hours from one to four-thirty every afternoon. Through the efforts of our alumni, the newly remodeled Lee College auditorium houses a completely new lighting system. These are just the beginning accomplishments.

THE REWARDS: By joining the Alumni Expansion Club before December 31, 1963, you will receive an attractive, wooden, charter member plaque (pictured on this page) which is especially distinctive to display in your office or home. You will receive credit for one year's annual dues, voting privileges in the Alumni General Assembly, and one year's subscription to the "Lee Alumnus." Great satisfaction will accompany the knowledge that you have in some small way assisted the institution that assisted you.

You are now acquainted with the Alumni Expansion Club. Both alumni and friends of Lee College are encouraged to join AEC; an annual donation of ten dollars or more qualifies you as a member. All donations are tax deductible. Contributions should be sent to Lee College Alumni Association, Cleveland, Tennessee.

If one-third of our mailing list alone would co-operate in this endeavor, we could serve Lee College and her students with ten thousand dollars annually. Will you join today? Use accompanying blank to do so. Thank you. ●



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NEWSPAPERMEN: CAREER FOR CHRISTIANS

By William J. Krutza

GOT A NOSE for news? Do you always seem to be the first one on the scene when an accident occurs? Do you like to be an insider on what happens around you? If you say yes to these, heading toward a job with the local newspaper might be your best career choice.

Opportunities for printing sermons in the *Daily Bulletin* are few. Only a few editors give the community preachers their corner. Most "preaching" has to be done in a more subtle way to attract readers. A newspaper reporter has these opportunities. Along with "reporting just the facts" is a lot of interpretation. A Christian can render valuable service to his community here. And when the big chance comes he can present the simple gospel. If the reporter writes editorials he has additional opportunities to present a Christian view of the news.

Newspaper reporters have opportunities beyond the reach of any pulpiteer. A newspaperman can declare a word war on any evil in the community. He can fight for clean government, he can campaign for a cleaner city, he can promote youth activities—any needy area in the city's life can be penetrated by his typewriter and camera.

Many cities have experienced great reforms because some newspaperman has dreamed up a better program or discovered a weakness in existing ones. The Christian reporter can help bring about the Christianization of his community.

Some more characteristics to find in yourself before owning a press card are: initiative, judgment, persistence, intellectual integrity, a sense of humor, idealism and a logical and orderly mind. To be superior one must also possess a compelling passion to learn the truth.

A college education is a usual prerequisite to a newspaper career. A thorough study of journalistic techniques plus a well-rounded liberal arts program is essential. Opportunities are equal for women and men. Salaries range from $5,000 to $10,000. It isn't an occupation that leads to sudden riches. It must be considered as a service occupation.

To be sure, a newspaperman's life never has a dull moment. Variety abounds—in types of news and sources. One hour he's in the slums, the next he's among society. He reports everything that will interest some segment of his community.

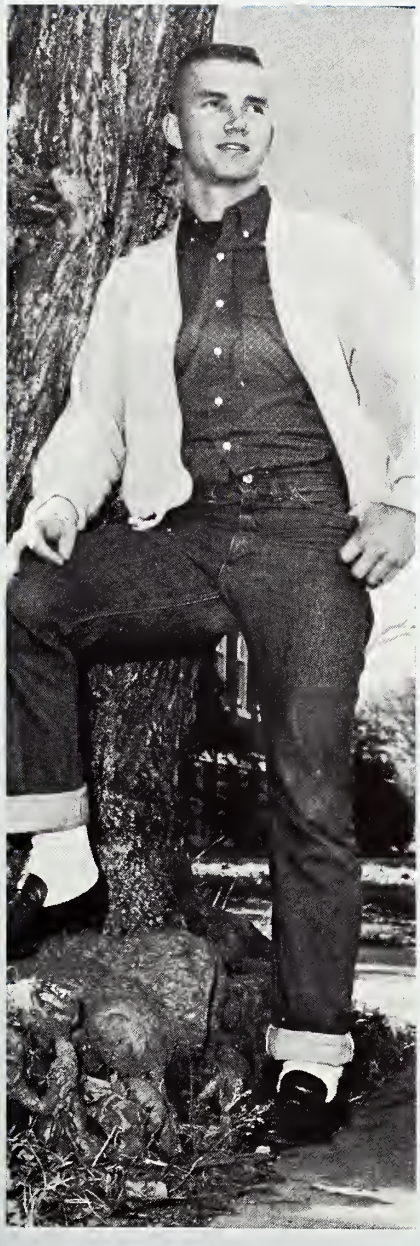
For the Christian who has a nose for news this can be a means of presenting practical Christianity—through interpretation of news and through community improvement ideas and ideals. What's the latest news? Report it now! ●



Peter Edson, left, Chief Washington Correspondent for Newspaper Enterprise Association, interviews President Kennedy at a luncheon in the Nation's Capitol.

S THE YOUNG MAN SAFE?

By Margie M. Mixon



EVEN THOUGH ABSALOM had rebelled against his father, King David, and was attempting to usurp the throne, David commanded his generals as they went into battle against him, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man."

What parent cannot sympathize with this king in his command regarding a worthless son?

How David's heart must have ached as he realized his favorite son had betrayed him.

It was at this time, the song of mourning was written by him:

"My God, my God, why has thou forsaken me?
Why art thou so far from helping me?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not;
And in the night season, and am not silent."

But the battle went against Absalom and David's own general completed the task of taking Absalom's life as he hung from an oak tree. When a messenger reached the king after the battle, David quickly inquired, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

Out of a grief-filled heart, David cried, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

David's wisdom in dealing with his family did not seem to match his prowess as a warrior. "There were always quarrels to be settled within his own household," states one biographer. "As had been the case almost since the day of his birth, the young prince Absalom was the source of much of the trouble. His physical prowess and ruthlessness had earned him the position of leader among the princes, although Amnon and Chileab, the older brothers, bitterly resented this fact. They were always ready to complain to David about their more aggressive brother. David, on the other hand could see little fault in Absalom, for the young man was just such another as David had been in his youth—handsome, ruddy, and spirited. As vain and egotistical as he was handsome, Absalom did not hesitate to use his father's fondness for him to strengthen his own position in the king's household and in the king's favor."

There is much to be learned by parents today from the life of David and his family. How often do men, as head of the household, neglect their home duties by the pressure of vocational, community, and even church demands. Yet, the reaping day will find them just as sorrowful as David when Absalom, his favorite son, turned traitor.

Youth today actually yearn for a stable home life in which they may find true direction and guidance of the right sort. How often are they let down by pleasure-seeking, power-loving, ambition-laden and immoral-minded parents? Solomon admonished, "Correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest, yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul."

The safety of today's youth depends upon the right kind of home training, discipline administered with love, and God-fearing parents who set the right example. Juvenile delinquency will be less heard of as parental delinquency loses its grip in the home.

J. Edgar Hoover has said, "Of our present-day crime-breeding conditions the most culpable of all is the unthinking American parent. Certainly here is a field in which pioneering is to be done. Here is an opportunity for the bravery necessary to tell the silly, soft-brained, indulgent parent who prates of the independence of youth, that he or she is nothing more nor less than a moral coward . . . In the breakdown of the American home there has been a steady lessening of parental supervision, of parental understanding, of parental courage, and an increase of parental laziness whereby the sins of these parents are being visited upon the children, and the children are paying for those sins of omission by committing 17 percent of all the crime committed in America." ●

Miss Margie Mixon, a resident of Covington, Louisiana, attends the Church of God in that city. Being well trained in journalism, she has written for all publications of her church.

A CHURCH IS BORN

By Mrs. George T. Sisk

This pictorial is presented here to give praise to God for His divine help in organizing a mission in Boger City, North Carolina. Our first service was November 4, 1962. There were fifty in attendance and the offering was $57. The guest speaker for this first service was the district pastor, Rev. W. C. Lambert, who gave us much encouragement in beginning the work.

The minister in charge of this new work is Rev. George T. Sisk. Under his leadership the work is continuing to make progress. These pictures were taken at our special program.



Congregational singing directed by Mrs. George T. Sisk," "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm."



Pastor Sisk presents a gift of appreciation to John Smith for having the most new ones present; he brought twelve.



"Partners With God." Farmer, mailman, nurse, policeman, shepherd, and teacher (absent from picture).



Children present for the first service with the district pastor. Rev. W. C. Lambert, right back, and Rev. George Sisk, left back, who is in charge of the mission.

From Page 6 Whither Thou Goest

without believing the things I heard about God while there was Alan who believed and lived a Christian life, and here was a prisoner of war who had believed because missionaries had crossed an ocean to tell him of Christ's love for sinners. I accepted Christ as my Saviour that night. I was shipped out before I could tell Alan. Then we lost track of each other."

"But the business," said Betty.

"The business of winning others to Christ. I married a wonderful girl. Wherever we go she makes friends, she talks and lives for Christ. I hate to tell you how many churches we have joined, how many different Sunday School classes we have taught. We just get settled, it seems, and the company moves me."

Alan's heart was pounding, praying, hoping Betty would hear what Ken was saying, hear it as God speaking to her.

"You just move when they tell you to? Don't you feel that maybe sometimes God wants you to stay in one place longer, or maybe not leave at all. Can't you say "no" to the company?"

"I can't say 'no' to the company. I can't say 'no' to God."

"You think moving is His way? Do you think He wants His children to be uprooted, never to know stability, never to stick around long enough to reap the rewards of their labors?"

"I can't say what is right for others. All I know is that the more people I reach for Him, the fewer there are that haven't heard."

"It's hard," said Betty thoughtfully.

Alan could tell Ken's words had hit home, even though Ken had no idea of Betty's problem.

"It is hard, but I always remember Alan."

"Why?"

"What *if* he had not been in Korea when I was. What *if* he

had not volunteered to go on that patrol. What *if* he had not tackled that particular prisoner. What *if* the missionaries had never gone to Korea years before. That's just too many *ifs* for me. I don't want to wonder *if* someone will die without Christ because I put my comfort ahead of a move."

"But your wife," Betty began.

"She knows the story of Alan, and there are no *ifs* for her either. As a matter of fact, she usually knows when I'm due for a transfer and quotes the verse, '. . . whither thou goest, I will go.' She is very much like Ruth in her devotion."

They finished their coffee in silence, Ken left promising they would all keep in touch, and then Betty and Alan were alone.

"Did you know what he was going to say?" Betty asked.

"About what?"

"The moving?"

"No. All he said at the hotel and on the way home was about that night in Korea and how he had grown spiritually over the years."

"Then you didn't know about his wife and the verse?"

"No."

"But you do know how I feel, don't you?"

"A little."

"I'm so ashamed. How could I have put myself and my comfort ahead of the salvation of the people in this city?"

"You needn't be ashamed."

"But I am, not only for refusing to hear God's voice, but I'm a minister's wife. I should know better than the wife of a salesman."

"The Lord had a reason for this happening."

"I'm going to pray for forgiveness, but I'm also going to thank Him for setting me straight."

"And for leading Ken to us," Alan added.

"What if you hadn't gone to that reunion," Betty said, horror in her voice. "I might have gone on wallowing in self pity, never seeing His way."

"I know," said Alan. "I was thinking of that as Ken spoke."

"Let's begin to look for His way in the *ifs*. I want always to be where we are needed." ●

From Page 8

God's Leader In the Home

Dad may not be able to explain all of the deep mysteries of the Bible but he can surely set the most perfect example and the Book of Books become alive when it comes to applying the principles of holiness and true living. There is more to the example that dad sets than just being able to read the Bible at the family altar. When dad goes to his knees in prayer with the family or in his private devotion, all of heaven listens. There is no frivolity or lightness in his devotion—all of the world's ills are his burden.

No father can be more successful than the one who has reared to manhood and womanhood God-fearing, self-respecting boys and girls.

You thought you failed because you could not give
The many things you wished to ease my way;
But you did more; you taught me how to live,
And filled with priceless thoughts each passing day.

You made me find in every book a friend,
And made me see a story in each face.
You pointed to the heights, and yet could bend
To search for God beneath the commonplace.

I wonder if you know how rich I feel,
How much I prize this legacy from you;
You called yourself a failure, yet I kneel
And pray that, in your way, I may fail, too.

—*Eugene Fain*

Every boy and girl deserves such a dad as described in this poem. This alone would be the complete solution to juvenile delinquency.

WITH THE FAMILY, dad is a lover. There is a variety of expressions in love, the same as there are different kinds of love. The love of a mother for a child is different from the love of husband and wife and the expressions vary. Dad is a lover of nature and the things of God. Dr. M. E. Dodd in seeking to illustrate the ministry of the Trinity said: "that God expressed His Fatherhood; the Holy Spirit, His mother heart; and Jesus represented the Elder Brother."

Not long ago, a young girl went to her dad for some money, having seen a dress she desired. Since numberless appeals had been made recently, the dad asked, "Do you think I am made of money?" With that look and feeling of complete confidence and utter dependency, she replied, "Well, isn't that what dads are made for?" "Yes," was the reply, "that is one of the many things that dads are made for." Some dads are not permitted to provide like others for their own. But is this so important after all? A feeling of security that can be well established in the child's mind is to teach him that God will supply. Love is much more than demand and supply. Love is the true expression of the soul.

Love of mom for dad should be just as real after fifty years of married life as it is on the morning of the wedding day. Much is said about loving mother and this should be, but this is dad's day and, he too, deserves your expression and feeling of love. We hardly expect the same outward expressions of love in an aged couple as in a newly married couple. But the love should exist just the same—less demonstrative because age is less demonstrative than youth; but just as real and genuine. It should manifest itself in a thoughtful courtesy, a true politeness and loving kindness toward him who has walked by your side for many years and has with you borne the burdens of life.

Dad is God's priest and prophet. I believe one day in God's heaven he will be a king. ●

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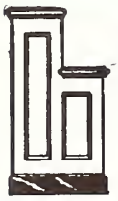
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From Page 9 Beyond the College Gates?

is that the coolness, courtesy and courage acquired in rural America were carried into the clouds. Facts soon go from us and often are not worth remembering, but methods, procedures, insights, appreciations, understandings, and values, extracted from many studies, abide and travel with us through the years. The chief residue of human study is the power to understand and interpret the minds and actions of others.

the changing world

This is a time of transition. An age of change not only implies a great peril, but it involves a great opportunity. The obvious peril of rapid change is the loss of standards, the slipping away of all criterions of judgment. Rapid travel and quick change breed inner confusion of standards. The customs and activities denounced by some as immoral or absurd, may be encouraged by others. Regional and cultural conflicts are confusing. The question always comes: "Who is right?"

In times past, man said, "Tomorrow never comes." Now, in the space age, tomorrow turns into yesterday with such speed that few are aware of the change. These times seem to cause life to become a moving film and leaves us passive spectators of bewildering change. There are new fashions of dress, new kinds of music, new forms in literature, new defiance of old conventions, new manners and customs in society, new ideas of right and wrong. It is easy to drift with the tide, or crawl into some monastic cell and wait for a better world. Neither of these alternatives befit the years of preparation made by the graduate. There must be no hesitation. The graduate, knowing his destination and direction, must set his compass and steer safely through storm or tide.

A changeless Christ will chart a course for anyone willing to follow His Word.

the challenge of life

The graduate must not only contain himself in the midst of change, he must accept the challenge offered by the change. True maturity is not only restraint; it is also release. An age of speedy change is a time of unprecedented opportunity. The world is waiting for leadership, ideas, energy, and most of all a message that gives faith for the future. The world is as the moist clay upon the potter's wheel. Anyone with strength and skill can mold the clay before it hardens again. This is the challenge! This is the task!

The swift transition that threatens to confuse and bewilder the new venturer, also summons to victory. The very danger is, therefore, the finest opportunity. The world is waiting for men with a message of hope. It is alive and needs active leadership. Graduates, repeat together the cry of Rupert Brooke, as he sailed to the hard campaign of Gallipoi: "Now God be thanked, who hath matched us with this hour."

Beyond the college gates is the school of life. Heaven and history records the daily achievements of each student! ●

From Page 10 Dedicated Teen-agers

days elapsed before He was found. In the temple, the men of learning were astonished by the penetration of His questions and the wisdom of His answers. Mary was very much surprised, and asked, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?" Jesus replied, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?"

When your life is fully dedicated to Christ, this dedication will be reflected in every area of your existence. At school your teachers and classmates will know that Christ lives in your heart. As Christ becomes more real to you, life will become more meaningful. Indeed, the Spirit-filled Christian is a joyful Christian.

An old violinist was poor, but he owned a violin which never failed to charm others with its beautiful tone. Someone asked the violinist about his instrument. He held it tenderly in his hand and said, "A great deal of sunshine must have gone into this wood, and what has gone in, comes out!" How much of God's sunshine has entered into your life?

There is nothing that will add beauty to your life and attract other teen-agers to Christ more than a spirit of praise in your heart. You must give evidence that your heart is overflowing with gratitude to God for His mercies before sinners will be inclined to heed your invitations to come to Christ.

If you are in love with Jesus, you can say with the Psalmist, "I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart." This kind of praise cannot be turned on and off as a faucet controls the flow of water. Not only will your lips speak His praise, but your life also shall make known the greatness and goodness of God.

Let us keep in mind that our primary responsibility as believers is to witness for Christ—to tell what He has done in and for us with our lips and display it by our conduct. *How vital it is that we live for Christ every day.* ●

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Hang Out Your Light

only strive in the field of his Master. We have seen many changes during this age. A man can fly through the air like a bird. He can swim through the sea like a fish. Man has learned to split the atom, but has not accomplished the unity of the home. In spite of all the knowledge in our day, man remains spiritually the same; estranged from God.

John Wesley said if he had three hundred men who feared nothing but God, hated nothing but sin, and were determined to know nothing among men save Jesus Christ and Him crucified, he would set the world on fire. One of Wesley's biographers said, "He was out of breath pursuing souls!" The seal on Adam Clarke's grave is a candle burned down to the socket, and underneath are the words, "In living for others, I am burned away." Whitefield's cenotaph has carved upon it a blazing heart.

"He (God) hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love" (Ephesians 1:4). On this grand dimension God proposes to cut the pattern of our lives. Beyond all we are able to fathom, God intends a destiny for us. Holiness is an attribute of God; to be holy is to be like Him. The lanes of life are wide-open to him who would attain unto the higher plateau. Higher levels with God should be the aim of every young person.

Life is a long campaign and day by day we fight its battles. The puzzle of life begins at birth and continues until we leave the scene of conflict. Sin and evil lurk at every corner of the way. Young people let God guide you on your journey through life. Satan is lying in ambush, ready to destroy the soldiers of the cross. He is an expert at quoting the Scriptures, placing his own interpretation upon passages by which he hopes to cause us to stumble. Satan can present a counterfeit so closely resembling the truth, he deceives multitudes, but God's truth will shine upon our path like flaming torches if His life is our light on the pathway to glory.

Hang out your light to illuminate the way for others. Do not partake of the world's merchandise. A spider may be hidden underneath the golden. The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life. Set your face toward God and be determined to walk in His light. As you absorb light from above, be an example to others by your good works and your Father in heaven will be glorified. The darkness of this world will never be able to put out the light of Christ as it shines through consecrated youth. Will you hang your light out for Jesus? ●

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Mt. Airy, North Carolina 125
Princeton, North Carolina 125

NOTICE

The South Carolina State Office has notified us that they should have listed Anderson (McDuffie Street) as having an average weekly attendance of 364 in Sunday School for January.

NATION'S TOP TEN IN HOME DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE

Total Monthly Attendance for March

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 5,135
East Gadsden, Alabama 1,563
Lumberton (East), North Carolina 1,112
Kannapolis (Elm St.), North Carolina 974
Radnor, West Virginia 714
Stockton "G," California 700
Decatur, Alabama 612
Atlanta (Hemphill Avenue), Georgia 585
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Florida 581
Princeton, West Virginia 505

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia 50
Georgia 28
Michigan 26
South Carolina 23
Florida 20
Ohio 17
Pennsylvania 16
Oklahoma 15
Alabama 14
California 14

REPORT OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 48
New Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 60
Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 108

TEN HIGHEST CHURCHES IN NUMBER OF PERSONAL VISITS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

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NOTE: Every Sunday School should report visits to the State Director.

Detroit (Tabernacle), Michigan 6,792
Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 3,789
Bladenboro, North Carolina 1,190
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida 1,051
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 1,000
Lexington (Seventh Street), Kentucky 986
North Birmingham, Alabama 821
Samoset, Florida 821
Central, South Carolina 821
Middletown (Oxford), Ohio 816

Young People's Endeavor

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE
March, 1963

200 and over

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 270
Middletown, Ohio 251
Greenville (Tremont), South Carolina 243
Goldsboro, North Carolina 233
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee 228
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida 209

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Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio 170
Clanton, Alabama 169
Crumbleys Chapel, Alabama 169
Dayton (Oakridge Drive), Ohio 168
Bristol, Virginia 167
Bat Cave, North Carolina 164
Albemarle, North Carolina 157
Columbus (29th Street), Georgia 156
Orlando (Orange Avenue), Florida 155
Torrance, California 150

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Swannanoa, North Carolina 149
Sparta, Tennessee 149
Garden City, Florida 148
Greer, South Carolina 148
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama 146
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania 144
Erastus, North Carolina 143
West Frankfort, Illinois 142
Lenoir City, Tennessee 137
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Madisonville, Tennessee 105
Sale Creek, Tennessee 105
Ontario, California 104
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Florida 104
South Lebanon, Ohio 104
Johnson City, Tennessee 104
Rome (West), Georgia 103
Lenoir, North Carolina 103
Detroit (Tabernacle), Michigan 102
Metter, Georgia 101
Savannah (Westside), Georgia 101
South Rocky Mount, North Carolina 101
Wilmington (4th), North Carolina 101
Franklin, Ohio 101
Buhl, Alabama 100
Nassau (Faith Temple), Bahamas 100
South Mt. Zion, Georgia 100
East Laurinburg, North Carolina 100

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San Diego, California	81
Chicago (Narragansett), Illinois	81
Crab Orchard, Kentucky	81
Ferndale, Michigan	81
Dallas, North Carolina	81
Newark, Ohio	81
Pulaski, Tennessee	81
Geneva, Alabama	80
Phoenix (44th Street), Arizona	80
Sanford, Florida	80
Bainbridge, Georgia	80
Natchez, Mississippi	80
Clayton, North Carolina	80
Ranlo, North Carolina	80
Groveland, Florida	79
Baxley, Georgia	79
Greenville, Mississippi	79
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Mt. Carmel, North Carolina	78
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Pasco, Washington	78
Kokomo (Market), Indiana	77
Maiden, North Carolina	77
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Birmingham (North), Alabama	75
Baldwin Park, California	75
Manatee, Florida	75
Valdosta, Georgia	75
Cumberland, Maryland	75
Pontiac, Michigan	75
Clinton, North Carolina	75
Mooresville, North Carolina	75
Morgantown, North Carolina	75
Ashland, Ohio	75
Hamilton (Tabernacle), Ohio	75
Mineral Wells, Texas	75

SPIRITUAL RESULTS AMONG OUR YOUTH

March 31, 1963

Saved	3,897
Sanctified	1,739
Filled with Holy Ghost	1,279
Added to the Church	908

Since June 30, 1962

Saved	27,921
Sanctified	13,198
Filled with Holy Ghost	9,445
Added to the Church	7,435

Report of New Y.P.E.'s Since June 30, 1962 — 96

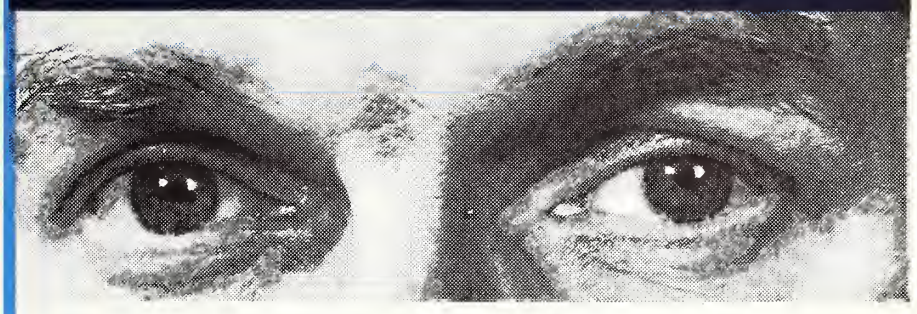
CORRECTION

The Tennessee State Office has notified us that they should have listed the Sale Creek church as having an average attendance of 146 in Y.P.E. for the month of February.

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Greenville (Tremont Avenue), S. C. 765
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio 704
Cleveland (North), Tennessee 537
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 518

400 - 499

Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio 492
Griffin, Georgia 475
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida 462
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia 462
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio 444
Kannapolis, North Carolina 431
Newport News, Virginia 418
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio 417

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Wilmington (Fourth), North Carolina 382
Chattanooga (North), Tennessee 376
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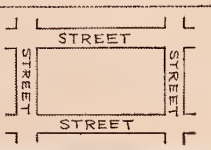
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By Avis Swiger

A letter came this week from a pastor in Louisiana asking me to send a tract to the person who asked a question about television. I am sorry I cannot do this for I do not keep the names and addresses of those who write us. Any of you who would like the tract, "Television on Trial," may receive one by writing to:

Rev. Robert Jarrell
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Dear Editor,

Do you think it is okay to wear a Jesus Saves pin?

N.G.

Dear N.G.,

If you want my personal opinion I would say it would make a difference why you wear it. It could be a testimony that would open up an avenue of conversation for you to witness for Christ. If you are a little bashful to speak to people, this could help you. On the other hand, you might wear it just because you think it is attractive and it would become a thing of pride as much as any ornament. Search your own heart.

Dear Editor,

Has the Church of God let down its standards on the jewelry and dress questions? In our church there are very few who do not wear ornaments and shorts, peddlepushers, etc. Is it just our church or is it a general let down of standards?

B.P.

Dear B.P.,

There has been one change in the church rules. Members are now permitted to wear wedding bands. Other changes that have come about do not have the sanction of the church.

I am sorry to say that this change is not just in your church but it is in many churches, so much so that now the defense of some is—"everyone is doing it." One time Elijah told the Lord he was the only one left who served God, and God answered "...I have left me seven thousand in Israel." Many may be compromising and going along with the world, but God still has some true holiness people and He will still have them when Jesus returns. If you want to be ready at His coming don't drift with the crowd, but stand true to his doctrines of holiness.

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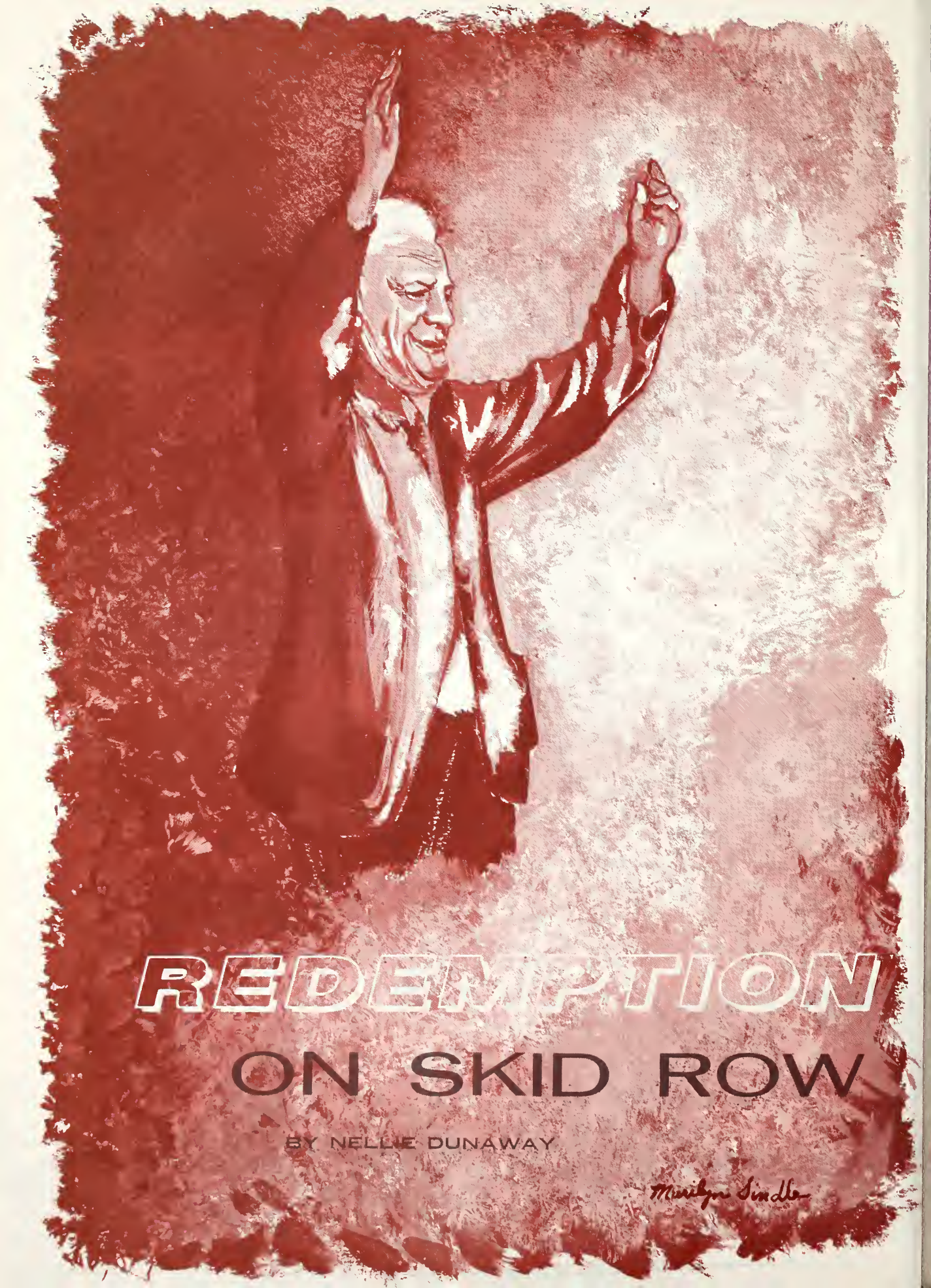
I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

O say! can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thro' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that Star-spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:
'Tis the Star-spangled Banner, O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

O thus be it ever when, free men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and perserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust!"
And the Star-spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!





REDEMPTION

ON SKID ROW

BY NELLIE DUNAWAY

Marilyn Sindler

A DIRTY, UNSHAVEN MAN STOOD . . . I FOUND CHRIST AND HE GAVE ME BACK MY LIFE, BUT IT WAS TOO LATE . . .

HOPE WHITEHALL sat quietly reading her Bible. It was her turn to read the Scripture at the meeting. She had chosen Matthew 25:31-46. She loved the words of Jesus and repeated them from memory. "For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in." Hope closed her eyes and prayed, "Please, God, let them feel thy words. Let thy words be written in their hearts."

Hope raised her head when she heard her roommate's quick steps coming down the hall. She looked up as Nancy entered the room.

"Hello, there," Nancy said. She threw her books and her coat on the bed.

"Well, I guess I'm not as pretty as I thought I was!"

"No—what is your conquest now?" Hope asked.

"Well, you know that new boy, Mat Randle that I was telling you about. I did everything but ask him for a date, and he didn't even give me a tumble. There must be something wrong with that boy. He's impervious to girls," Nancy said woefully.

"Surely you're not short on dates?" Hope asked smiling.

"Well—to tell you the truth, I turned Bill down, he wanted to take me skating tonight. I was just sure Mat would ask me for a date. He's very nice and I thought he was a little taken with me. Bill asked Aggie to go skating when I turned him down," Nancy related dejectedly.

"I take it you don't have a date for tonight," Hope said. She hadn't given up on Nancy yet.

"No, I guess I'll just have to sit around and hate myself," Nancy said scowlingly. "What are you doing tonight?"

"This is the night we go to the Mission," Hope answered. "The first Friday of every month, remember?"

"You and your bunch of Psalm singers," Nancy said. "How in the world can you go down there. Those bums and derelicts don't want help."

"You're wrong, Nancy. Those people are lonely and almost friendless and they need help," Hope explained. "If our Christian young people's club can give them a little joy and make them more aware of Christ's love for them, we're glad to spend one Friday night a month with them."

"You're a good girl, Hope, and I like you, but I think you're letting your religion spoil all your fun," Nancy spoke seriously.

"I wouldn't be happy just worshiping God on Sunday, Nancy. To me worshiping God and following his teachings are a full-time job," Hope said sincerely. Hope wished she could make Nancy understand how she felt in her heart.

"Well, I guess I'll be all alone," Nancy said unhappily.

"Come with me, Nancy. And if you don't like the meeting, I'll never insist on you going again," Hope said and meant it.

"Well, I don't know," Nancy replied walking over to the window and looking out. Then she turned and said, "I guess anything is better than sitting here all by myself, but remember, just this once and no more! And don't ask me to take part in the meeting. You do what ever you have to do, but leave me out of it!"

"That's a promise," Hope said.

When the young people went into the Mission, the room was completely empty. Nancy smiled and thought, *just as I expected. How can they help people when they won't even come to their meeting.*

RICHARD BAXTER stepped into the crude pulpit. Ruth Williams took her place at the piano. Nancy and all of the others sat in the choir chairs. They began to sing, "Jesus Lover Of My Soul." Within a few minutes, men and women came swarming in from the street. And to Nancy's amazement, almost every seat was taken.

When the singing ended, Hope took her place in the pulpit, and read the message from God's Word. Nancy looked into the faces of the people, every eye was on Hope as she read.

Nancy felt warm and uncomfortable as she listened to Christ's own words. When Hope finished reading, Richard took the pulpit again and said, "Now, let's have some heartwarming testimonials.

An old man on the front row, dirty and unshaven, arose to his feet, "I just want to say that I was a youngster once just like you. I came from a good home and family; but one day I decided to have some fun, the wrong kind. I went out with a bunch of boys and got into trouble and was sent to prison. When I got out of prison, I began to drink because I didn't have the backbone to face life. One drink led to another and I ended up down here, no good to anybody." The old man's voice trembled and he stumbled forward and knelt at the altar.

Nancy felt shaky and a little sick, she wanted to get out of there but something stopped her.

A woman in the back row stood up, "I was a wife and mother once. I had everything for which to live. I married a little too young and after the children came I grew restless and felt surrounded. I met some people that said they could teach me how to have fun. I'll never forget that first marijuana weed. After a while I had to have something stronger. Well—I went from bad to worse. My husband found me and sent me to a sanatorium. When I got out, I was okay for a while, but I started again. I ended up down here. I thank and praise the Lord for finding me and saving my soul and drying my tears. I appreciate you young people coming down here, don't ever stop coming. We all need your prayers."

Nancy had tears in her eyes when the woman sat down, then she suddenly thought, *these people were young once. They had dreams and ambitions, just like I have.* Nancy began to see them differently. It was unbelievable what she saw in their sad faces. The men were dirty and unshaven with bent postures. There was a haunted look in their eyes.

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By Enola Chamberlin

chapel for supais



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THE SUPAI INDIANS of Havasupai Canyon near the Grand Canyon in northern Arizona are some of the gentlest, kindest people on earth. Even before Christianity came to their little village they lived a life of love and forbearance, of unselfishness and tolerance. Never would one whip a child no matter what that child had done. Punishment, if it had to be, must come in some other way. Being of such a nature, they eagerly welcomed the story of the Christ, accepted His teachings, and were very thankful for a chance to follow in His way. Of course they wanted a church but looking around them, they could not imagine how a church could be brought to them. Other people wondered as well.

Havasupai Canyon, the home of Cataract Creek, lies at the base of sheer rock cliffs that reach up almost a mile to the mesa above. The only entrance to the little valley is a mule-wide trail from Tecoba fourteen miles away. The turns on this trail are so short that nothing even mule-long can be carried down it. How then, would the Indians get their church? Well, man has not conquered the air for nothing and, although a regular plane could not land in the canyon, a helicopter could. So one day a whirlybird hovered over the canyon above the upraised faces of the Indians and the large pieces for the erecting of their chapel were dropped slowly down among them. Before this, however, because that mode of conveyance was cheaper than the air, the smaller pieces for the building came down the long trail strapped to the backs of mules or Indian ponies.

With everyone helping who could help, the chapel, a quonset hut, took shape, and became a reality in a very short time. Then another day the three-thousand Indians watched again as the huge cross, fastened to the bottom of a helicopter, came down to them out of the sky. Into their quiet lives now had come a spiritual beauty that matched the loveliness of their stream-blessed valley, their land of the "sky-blue waters." ●

SPACEMEN FOR GOD

By DOLORES S. DOUGLAS

APRIL, 1961 marked the beginning of a new era. The U.S.S.R. became the first nation to launch a man into space.

Alan Shephard, on May 5, 1961, took honors for man's second flight into space. Gus Grissom soon followed him, as our second countryman to take the countdown for a journey into the elements. In February 1962, John Glenn orbitted around the earth three times.

These are events which will take their place in history and science books. These men had months of specialized training for their flights. They were not mentally or physically handicapped, and certainly, they were not cowards.

Their very suits were pressurized and made to strictest specifications to battle the hazards of space flight. To these scientific accomplishments, we give acclaim and acknowledgment. However, these accomplishments are small when we consider the greatness of God.

We serve a God who has been specializing in miracles since He first set this world in place.

We can declare Enoch and Elijah to be God's first spacemen, who needed no special pressurized suits for their space ride to heaven.

This new age demands space-minded people. Today scientists are desperately pleading for our interest in space programs. God has been trying to interest men in His space program for thousands of years.

Our beloved Jesus journeyed through space to be with the Father. Before He departed, He gave us a message of hope and assurance. The record states, "Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:1-4). By these words we know Jesus has prepared a place for us. We are all potential spacemen (and women), for we will meet Jesus in the air.

A simple garment, unspotted and unwrinkled will do as a space suit. Isaiah says, ". . . for he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels" (Isaiah 61:10).

However, there is a certain amount of preparedness on our part for making that journey. First, we must know Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour. We must know that our sins are forgiven and we are walking in a newness of life. We should be sanctified for the Master's use and have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. If the trumpet should sound and some have not yet been filled, they should have at least been seeking the fullness of God's Spirit. God knows our heart's desires. We must be ready, for we know not the hour He has scheduled for the final countdown on man.

We will all be spacemen when Jesus comes! That one trip will be worth more than all the honors and medals of a scientific world, as our Lord has a crown and a robe waiting for us. ●



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JUST REMEMBER



GOD WILL FIX IT

By Katherine Bevis

DURING MOMENTS OF sadness or frustration, I often think of a family scene years ago in a little settlement, known as Beauchamp Springs, just outside Houston, Texas.

I was about seven years old at the time.

My father, a carpenter, had been without work, and it was nearing the Christmas holidays. My mother and father were both godly people. They believed God and His Word, and they trusted Him at all times. What faith they had!

Father, after reading the Bible to his little flock of five, kneeled down that night and told God all about his problem. He talked to God as though God were right there in the room with us. He talked in simple language, that even I could understand. As he closed his prayer of petition that evening he said, "Now God, you just fix this like you always do, for the best of all concerned, Amen."

The very next day, my father was called to a carpenter job for a business man in the city; a job which lasted until the week before Christmas and brought in the necessary funds to provide a Merry Christmas for four little children, happiness for Mother and satisfaction for Father. But the thing that impressed me most was my father's words to God, "Now God, you just fix this like you always do. . . ."

Many times since that day in my childhood, my father's God has "fixed" things for me that needed "fixing." During these trying days in which we live, his precious words come back to me over and over.

In these days when people are afraid, when they are identified more and more with material things and less and less with spiritual standards, and as we watch them drift from the Christian faith, our hearts cry out that the thing we need is the *faith of our fathers*. We need a faith that dedicates us to something bigger and more important than ourselves and our possessions.

EVERY PARENT IS interested in the growth of his child. He wants to see him develop physical strength, emotional stability and mental alertness. He wants him to become a well-adjusted individual in his society. With the emphasis on physical, mental and social development, all too often the spiritual side of life is left to chance.

Despair, gloom and doubt should not be the earmarks of a Christian. Yet these have become the dominant note of so many lives. Every day we pick up the newspaper and see where some have lost the zest for living and have been urged to do tragic things, hoping thereby to end it all. But the Word tells us that death is not the end. Remember God can "fix" things as they should be.

My father's faith has stilled the fear many times that howled in my heart and gnawed at my soul. A simple man with a simple faith, for to my father had come the deeper meaning of life. He had made a complete surrender of himself and his loved ones to his Father in heaven. He had learned the first lesson of belief; that is, submission.

A simple man, yes, but a great and good man, who by his own example, many times unknowingly, made a better world for others. He had true serenity of heart, and a soul that was a teacher of a simple faith.

I remember his last hours, the smile that tried to play on his face and his body tortured with pain. I shall always remember, especially in moments of sadness or frustration, his last words to me, "Just always know, Kathy, God will 'fix' it, He always does, for the best of all concerned." ●

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Mealtime . . .

YOUTH CAMP SOUTH AMERICA STYLE

By Ruth Crawford

BEFORE JULY OF 1960, the youth of the Church of God in Brazil did not know what a youth camp was. In the months preceding the camp we publicized it, but they could not comprehend just what it would be like.

There were only seventeen campers that first year. Though the construction was not yet completed, the camp was held at our Bible school on the outskirts of Goiania. Boxes, crates, and scaffolding planks supplied tables and benches needed for the dining room and classrooms, and we made a worktable from an old refrigerator crate. Some mattresses were borrowed; most of us slept on the floor.

No panes in the windows made for perfect visibility and first-class ventilation (especially since July is the coldest month of the year in Brazil!). Six-thirty was "getting-up time" and from sunrise until 10:00 p.m. the days were crammed full. The Bible study was on Passion Week. As a handicraft project, all the campers handtooled leather and covered a New Testament. The evangelistic services at night were good for six souls were saved.

By 1961 the Bible school was more nearly completed. A good group of boys and girls had earned their 750 cruzeiros matriculation fee (about $2.00) and enthusiastically arrived on July 15 anticipating a glorious week. We asked each camper to bring his own cloth to be stuffed with cut grass (which was gathered beforehand) for his bed. Each brought his own plate and fork also. As they prepared their mattresses, arranged their belongings, and even before they went to the provisory outdoor kitchen for the first camp meal, they were enjoying the fellowship. After the meal, each washed his own plate and fork and put them away until next mealtime.

Morning devotions were followed by breakfast, a Bible study on the journeys of St. Paul, a music class, and handicraft. After lunch, we had a time of devotion and prayer, then a Bible class on the subject of the fruits of the Spirit. The rest of the afternoon was for recreation, baths, the necessary cleaning, and, after supper, the night service.

On Monday, eleven of the campers accepted the Lord as their personal Saviour. Some said they had been born in Christian homes and never really realized until then that they were lost if they did not personally accept the Lord. What a blessing! Then on Tuesday during the noontime devotions, a hunger for the Baptism of the Holy Ghost seemed to permeate the room. Thirty minutes had been allotted for devotions, but we forgot the schedule.

After about an hour, one girl received her baptism. This increased the faith of others, as well as their hunger, and we all continued seeking the face of the Lord. For the space of three and a half hours, we prayed, and the Lord wonderfully baptized nine in the Holy

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These attended last year's camp.

Our Pet Parade

By Evelyn Witter

EVERY YEAR IN June, before Vacation Bible School and summer camps, the children of our community were restless and "running the streets." Members of the church were concerned. "Some constructive activities should be planned," they said, "for the children of our church and the entire community during this nothing-to-do period."

One of the teachers in the primary department of the Sunday School gave the matter concentrated attention. She began by considering what most children were interested in most of the time. Was it books? Sports? Handicraft?

She made home visits for the express purpose of finding what was the most sustained juvenile interest. She asked parents their opinions. The majority of the answers did not rate as high as any of the three interests she had mentioned. She found that most children like pets, bicycles, doll buggies! Many do enjoy books; some think, dream, and live baseball; a surprisingly large number of children create things with their hands. But all of them, none excepted, like pets of every size and description. And they like "bikes" and buggies.

The teacher reported her findings to various church groups. Pets, they decided, should be the central attraction of a children's community project. But what should the project be? After a number of discussions, the adults decided to sponsor a pet parade. The coming event was repeatedly announced in the church. Newspapers publicized it. Posters were placed in store windows.

Six divisions were chosen, which would be so all-inclusive that any interested child could qualify in at least one of them. The classes were: prettiest pet, most pets, most unusual pet, most unique entry, Best decorated bicycle-and-rider, and best decorated doll buggy.

Children from all over town and from the surrounding country were stimulated to interesting activity. Pets were groomed. Many pets had their first obedience lessons. Bicycles and doll buggies were scrubbed, repaired, and painted, and trial decorations were scrutinized. Children who had no pets began to look for some less common and less tame variety.

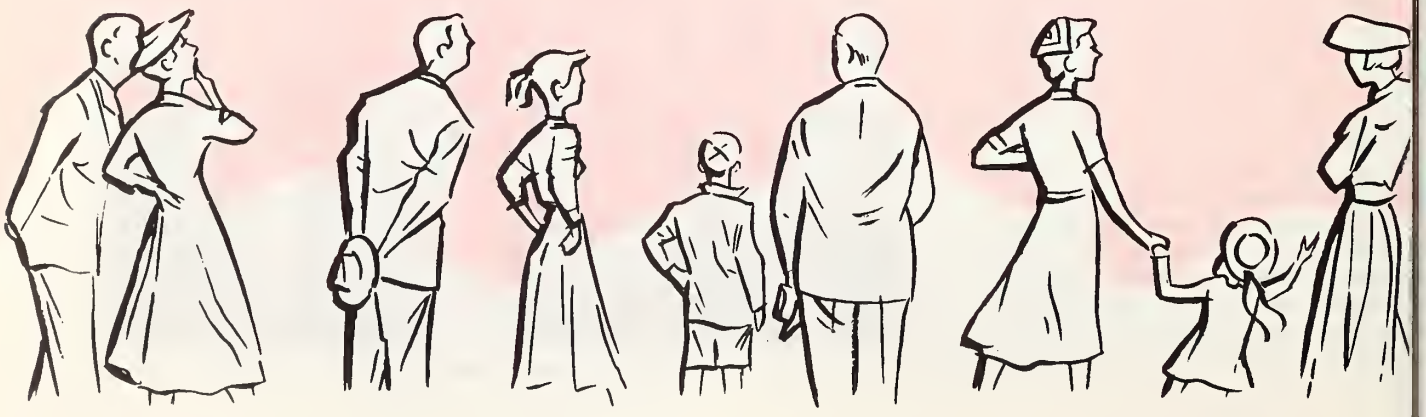
ON THE EVENING of the parade, several hundred people began to congregate early. When the children and their pets were lined up, the band played a loud and triumphant Sousa march. The procession began to move. It was spectacular. Dogs, horses, cats, rabbits, turtles, fish, guinea pigs, chickens, chinchillas, buggies and bikes, moved down the streets of the town and past the old people's home, where the parade paused to give the residents a chance to enjoy it.

Finally the exciting moment for judging came. A Pomeranian dog with a sharp nose, pointed ears, and long, thick, well-brushed, silky hair was judged the prettiest pet.

The prize for the most pets went to the owner of a mother hen and her fifteen baby chicks. The mother hen was entered, nest and all, in a red wagon that had been wire-fenced for her safety. The most unique entry was the "Tortoise and the Hare." The tortoise, accompanied by a terrain of pebbles and a tub of water, was a snapping turtle that a little girl and her father had found along the Mississippi River. The little girl was costumed as the hare. There was a tie vote for the most unusual entry, awards going to the chinchillas and a boy's collection of twelve frogs.

The best decorated bicycle-and-rider was an entry that highlighted the month of June—a bride doll rode a much adorned bike. The best decorated doll buggy was decorated with yards of crepe paper and was filled with flowers.

Another pet parade was immediately scheduled for next June, for everyone, young, old, and pets, had enjoyed a good time. ●



THEM THAT HONOR ME



By Norman C. Schlichter

I WANT TO tell you about two famous runners who were helped in their running by prayer. The first of these was Clarence De Mar, who only a few years ago was one of our country's best-known marathon runners. The marathon race is considered perhaps the most grueling of all athletic contests. De Mar won marathons at least six times against stiff competitors, and he used to say that his method of running was to "hook his brains to his feet and then pray."

De Mar was a printer by trade and his chief training for his races was to trot fifteen miles each night home from his work along a city boulevard.

By the way, how do you think you could stand up to such training?

The way this runner prayed must have been pleasing to God. He never prayed for God's help so that he could beat someone else, but always, "O God, help me to do my best." Then when he had done his best he was always satisfied with the way he came through in his races.

The other praying runner I want you to know about was Eric Liddell, who represented England in the Paris Olympic Games of 1924. He was the son of a praying father, Reverend J. D. Liddell, a missionary in China for the London Missionary Society, and was from boyhood a lover of prayer and of all holy things.

Eric was to run the four hundred metres event, but when he got to Paris for his preliminary training he saw that the games program listed his race for a Sunday. He had always been opposed to any kind of sporting events on the Lord's Day. If he didn't run, England was sure to lose the race and he would miss the chance to try for another record of his own, but he regarded his duty to God as his first duty.

Fortunately for him and England, the program committee for the games arranged to have the game run on a Saturday, and Eric was the winner.

He had won his way to the final contest, and just before he was to take off, the trainer of the men in this race handed him a little note. Eric opened it and read these words: *Them that honor me I will honor.* The trainer had known of Eric's stand on Sunday running. "As soon as I read that note I knew God would help me to run my best that day," Eric told his friends later.

His victory that day made him one of his country's athletic heroes. The press unitedly called him the king of sprinters and at many big public receptions his desire to honor the Lord's Day was praised as much as his athletic prowess. ●



"Here's the Word for today!" was the greeting which a prisoner of war smiled at his bed-fast, fellow prisoners as he handed out Bibles to them daily in the jungle of Thailand. Ernest Gordon quotes this in his book, "Through the Valley of the Kwai," and mentions this as the reason for the better than average survival of their group.

The Word of God has something to say to you every day and to all persons, regardless of where they are or what they are doing. It feeds much needed faith, hope and life-meaning to all who seek to find.

A business man says the headlines, magazines, radio and television give priority to the crimes, disagreements and words of power-mad dictators. He declares he needs a "dose of Scripture reading" every morning to keep him from confusion and discouragement in personal and business affairs.

A housewife states that daily Scripture reading keeps her balanced and helps her to cope with problems as they arise. "Otherwise I'd throw up my hands in holy horror and stop trying," she declares.

Paul in Philippians 4:8 encourages, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Where better can one find food for such health-giving thoughts, than in the Word of God, which is available to us every day?

Perhaps we do not heed God's Word enough because of its very availability.

In the olden times when Bibles were rare and chained to the pulpits of churches, there was ample excuse for not getting the Word for the day, but now the Word is available everywhere in convenient, portable formats, and at small money cost.

The prisoner was undoubtedly right as he handed out Bibles in the jungle. Your Bible invites you daily to share in an effective antidote to the world's poisons. "Here's the Word for today!"

By Esther Miller Payler

LUOMA PHOTOS



A STORY FOR CHILDREN

DON AND A DIME

By Neal C. Neitzel

AT FIRST, Don thought that what he saw in the green grass of the school yard was only late afternoon sunlight sparkling on a pebble.

Then, Don stopped walking and turned his head to stare back at the shiny object hidden in the grass. He was still looking down at the object when he heard the voices of other children leaving the school building.

"I—I don't k—know where I could have l—lost it!" said a girl named Ruth. Ruth was in Don's grade. Her blue eyes were filled with unhappy tears.

"We'll help you look for it!" one of the other girls said.

"Yes! Yes, we'll all help!" promised a dozen children.

Don watched as the boys and girls rushed across the sunlit school lawn and began walking carefully around the grass. Don looked again at the shiny object he had noticed when he'd been the first boy to leave the school building a few minutes ago.

Walking slowly across the velvety green lawn, Don stared down at the shiny object and frowned. It was a dime! He quickly covered the coin with his right shoe when two other boys walked near where he was standing.

Don could buy a whole bag filled with those delicious chocolate-covered peanuts with the dime he had just found. How he loved that candy! His brown eyes glowed at the thought of how good those tasty treats would be.

"We'll never find Ruth's dime," grumbled one of the other boys. "This grass is too tall."

"Yes, and Ruth doesn't even know where she lost her money," said another boy. Both boys stopped searching and looked at Don.

Don glanced quickly away. "This is a very big lawn," Don said, feeling his face become warm. He felt very guilty and ashamed of himself. He watched the other boys walk away, still searching for the missing coin.

When no one was looking at him, Don stooped and picked up the shiny object. He stuffed the dime in his pocket and hurried swiftly away from the school.

The friendly druggist grinned as Don gave him the dime. "I hope you enjoy those chocolate-covered peanuts, young man!" said the smiling owner of the drugstore.

Don decided to wait until he got home before he opened the cellophane bag. Somehow, he wasn't as hungry for candy as he'd thought. He was walking rapidly along the sidewalks when his eyes noticed another shiny object.

This shiny object was the golden cross atop the church steeple. Don stopped walking. He stood on the sidewalk staring up at the beautiful cross for a long time. Then, Don sighed and turned around. He walked at first, but he was so anxious to get where he was going that he started to run!

The elderly druggist was surprised when Don asked if he could return the candy and have the dime back again, but the friendly man smiled and pressed the silver coin into Don's hand.

"I know how much that candy means to you. You are my very best customer for those chocolate-covered peanuts," said the druggist. "There is a package of medicine that must be delivered in your neighborhood, Don. If you will deliver the medicine, you may keep the candy!"

"Thank you! Oh, thank you!" Don said, grinning happily. "Yes, I will be glad to do something to earn this candy!" he eagerly agreed.

When Don hurried back to the school yard, he saw that everyone except Ruth was gone. "Here is your dime!" Don said, pressing the coin into Ruth's hand. "I found it in the grass. I was going to keep it, but I knew that wasn't right so I brought it back."

Ruth's blue eyes sparkled with grateful happiness. "Oh, now I can buy Mother a birthday card! Thank you, Don! Thank you so much!"

Don was munching on one of the chocolate-covered peanuts when he hurried past the church again. This time as he glanced upwards at the shiny object mounted on the tall church spire, he didn't feel at all guilty or ashamed! He grinned as he hurried to deliver the package of medicine.

Those chocolate-covered peanuts tasted better to Don than any he had ever eaten before and he knew that it was because he had earned the right to enjoy his candy. He promised himself that he would remember about the experience of the two shiny objects he'd seen that day, especially if he was ever tempted to do wrong again! ●

Helping

the Hopeless

PACIFIC GARDEN MISS

by Clyne W. Buxton, Editor

JUST TWO BLOCKS from the world's largest hotel and a bit farther from one of earth's largest department stores is Chicago's Skid Row and Pacific Garden Mission. Reaching debauched men nightly, this lighthouse for souls has shone forth eighty-six years, having a church service *every* night since its inception in 1877.

All kinds of men stumble into this haven from sin. Drug addicts, drunk men, hopeless men—and all of them usually hungry—drop in to see what is going on or to get a free meal, and often stay to repent of their sins.

Last year 9,969 professions of faith were recorded. This mission ministers to the body as well as to the spirit, for in 1962, 200,148 free meals were served, 76,333 articles of clothing were given away, 1,787 persons were treated in the mission clinic, 1,164 jobs were secured, and 233 families made the mission their temporary home.





But the paramount aim of Pacific Garden Mission is to minister to men's souls. This writer was walking past the mission recently when a man on the sidewalk came alongside him and said: "You know, Jesus Christ is the greatest Friend in the world. He still saves men from sin."

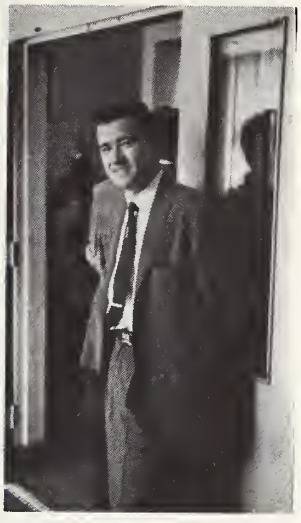
The writer was most happy to square his shoulders and to answer this sincere, fervent worker: "You're absolutely correct. Christ is my Saviour already." This passionate worker was not letting anyone pass without witnessing to him, if at all possible.

Sin is rampant on Skid Row. Cheap theaters one after the other brazenly advertise their live shows of almost totally nude women. Such theaters and taverns line the street, and nestled in this atmosphere is Pacific Garden Mission. There are dimly lighted taverns on either side of the mission with their girl shows.

The Mission itself got part of its



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THIS TWENTY-TWO-YEAR-OLD YOUTH, A CONVERTED SERVICEMAN, WAS DEEP IN SIN WHEN CONVERTED IN THE MISSION IN 1955



HERE A PERSONAL WORKER, RIGHT, WHO WAS CONVERTED IN A YMCA IN GERMANY, WELCOMES A MAN OFF THE STREET TO A WORSHIP SERVICE



JOSEPH KURP, LEFT, A ONE-TIME SPARRING PARTNER OF JACK DEMPSEY, IS NOW AN AVID WITNESS AT THE MISSION



RICHARD MC CULLUM, RIGHT, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE MISSION, TELLS A HALF-DRUNK MAN HOW TO FIND CHRIST



SKID ROW ILLS—AN ACHING TOOTH, A GNAWING ULCER. A DEEP COUGH AND COUNTLESS OTHER MISERIES—ARE TREATED IN THE MISSION CLINIC

name from a tavern. Either in 1884 or the year following the Pacific Beer Garden, said to have been the most notorious, murderous joint west of New York, was bought by the Mission. Dwight L. Moody, the renowned evangelist, was in Chicago and was asked to suggest a name for the new location. He replied immediately, "Strike out the word 'beer' and add the word 'mission.'" So it became Pacific Garden Mission.

This citadel for souls does not appeal just to those who are down-and-out, for people from practically all walks of life have found Christ at its altars. Years ago a well-known professional baseball player dropped into the mission one Sunday night. He listened intently to Harry Monroe, the preacher, who himself was a convert of the mission, and at the invitation the ball player went forward and gave his life to Christ. This new convert was destined to become an evangelist of world renown. His name was Billy Sunday.

WORSHIP services convene every day at six-thirty a.m., twelve noon, and at eight p.m. After each of the services meals are served. A requisite for getting a free meal is to attend the immediately preceding service. The services, with an average attendance exceeding a hundred persons, include several congregational songs, prayer, special singing, preaching, and a strong altar appeal after the message. Last year the number of converts averaged twenty-seven a day.

The messages are simple and to the point. In his work about the Mission, Carl Henry describes a service thus: "Suddenly Harry Saulnier appears on the platform. He's the mission superintendent, hated and loved on State street like few other men. Toughs have threatened to fix his wagon, to take him for a ride, to bump him off, but Saulnier knows they don't talk like that after finding Christ. 'Billy Sunday walked in here one night and found Christ, and then set the world on fire!' he shouts. 'Mel Trotter was going over to the lake to commit suicide, and he came into the Mission and Jesus saved him. Gangsters, bums, hoodlums, gamblers, drunkards—they've been here, hundreds of thousands of them—and nobody was ever too bad for Jesus to save. Amen, glory!'" The invitation is given and lost men come to Jesus.

This grand old soul-saving station has been holding forth the cross of Christ every night since it opened in September, 1877. Begun by Civil War Colonel and Mrs. George R. Clarke eighty-six years ago this, the second oldest rescue mission in America, continues to shine forth for Christ. Even tonight lost men on "Bum Boulevard" will attend the Old Lighthouse and be pointed to Christ, the Saviour of all men, even bums. ●

CAMPUS CALL

The First Two



Mubarak (left) and Bishare Awad

By MUBARAK ELIAS AWAD

As told to Norman D. Jones, National Secretary of Youth Clubs

MY FATHER WAS a wealthy man. A street in Jaffa was named for him —"Awad." But in 1948 during the War in Palestine he was shot to death and was buried by Mother and some of us children. There were seven children in our family. Immediately after the burial of my father we watched our mother serve tea to the men who had killed him.

Mother was a Christian. She had attended a German school before marriage and was influenced by one of the teachers there to become a student of the Bible. Before her marriage she had also begun nurse's training. This she was soon to continue.

Without one penny in our pockets we were forced to leave our home and take residence as refugees in the Arab sector of Jordan. On securing a house, Mother set apart one room for religious services. At first only old people attended; but the congregation grew in numbers and in spiritual depth. Soon the group learned from the Bible that one could experience a baptism with the Holy Spirit. This my mother and friends prayed for and received, with a heavenly language of unknown tongues as initial evidence.

It was at this time that a Church of God minister, Reverend D. B. Hatfield, returned to Jerusalem from the United States to reestablish some church work which had begun prior to the war. He heard of the Pentecostal services in our home and contacted my mother hoping to secure native leadership for his work. As women in Jordan are not allowed to pastor a church, Mother in turn contacted her brother, George Kuttab, who was then principal of a high school in Trans-Jordan. This position he resigned to pastor a church in Jerusalem. Under his leadership the Church of God has grown in Jordan to four churches and three missions since 1948.

"Although my mother was very busy with her Christian work while supporting and schooling seven children, she still found time to finish her training as a nurse. Thus qualified the Jordanian government first placed her over a clinic for children near Jerusalem. While there she helped Peter Zaro, a native pastor, establish a primary school for the Church of God. After working in Jerusalem for seven years, Mother was appointed administrator of a hospital in Trans-Jordan. From there she has since transferred to an administrative position in Hebron and is now in Bethlehem.

It is my mother's joy that the first two Church of God students from Jordan to come to America for their higher education are two of her sons.

My brother Bishare, now 23 years old, came to the U. S. in 1960 and entered Dakota Wesleyan University. He will graduate in 1964 with a major in mathematics and chemistry.

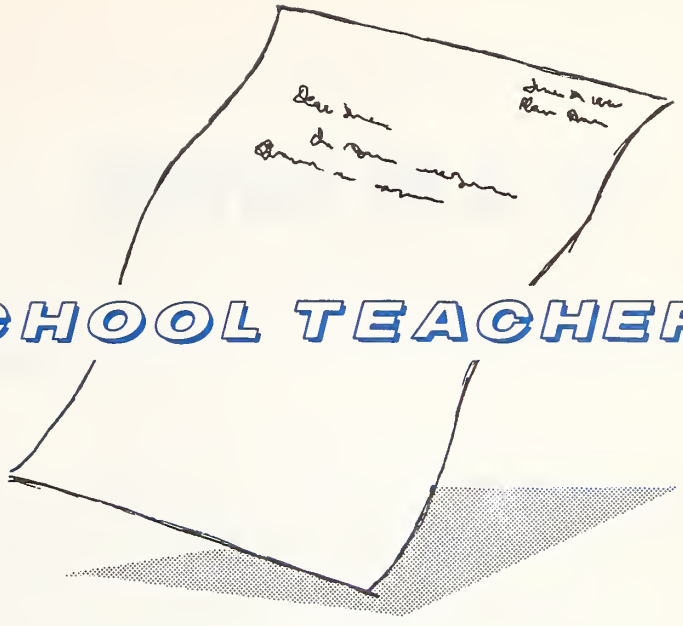
His future plans are to return to Jordan, gain satisfactory employment, and work with the Church of God, especially with the young people.

I am twenty years of age. I came to America in 1962 at the encouragement of Foreign Missions Executive Secretary, Reverend L. H. Aultman. In so doing, I forfeited substantial scholarship assistance to Oxford University in England.

Like my brother, Bishare, I have been chosen President of my school's International Club. I am also an active member of the Mission's Club and when invited visit churches in the interest of youth and missions.

The predominant reason for my coming to America was to learn the American program of Christian education and Christian social life. My future plans include returning to Jordan after receiving a B.A. in Christian education from Lee College. In Jordan I will serve full time as a Church of God minister and will develop the youth and Christian education work there. ●

DEAR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER



By W. L. (Bill) Hopper

DO YOUR PUPILS go in your class because they *want* to, or because they *have* to? Does your teaching attract or dispel?

There are several requisites of a successful Sunday School teacher. A preacher can not bring a message to his congregation if he has no message. A singer can not sing if he has no song. A public speaker can not speak if he has nothing to say. And a Sunday School teacher can not *teach* if he is not prepared.

A teacher should never discourage a pupil for trying to answer a question whether he is a teen-ager or an adult. If you can say it truthfully, you might say, "That's a very good answer, but it is not quite what I wanted." This will start him to thinking and perhaps he will come up with the right answer. If the answer is not at all right, you might say, "That's a good try; or thank you for trying but that was not what I wanted you to say." This could also put him to wondering just what it was that you wanted him to say.

But, if you say flatly, "No, you are wrong." Or, "No, that is not right, does anyone else know the answer?" You have discouraged his efforts and closed his mind. If he is a teen-ager, he will probably be humiliated and try to hide his real feelings by starting a conversation with the pupil sitting next to him. If he is an adult, he may try to argue with you, or he may become sullen and not come back to your class. Leave him a loophole for his self-esteem. Show him you appreciate his efforts and he will love you for it.

A successful Sunday School teacher is aggressive. He is always looking for new exciting and interesting ways to present the lesson and hold the attention of his class. If it is an adult class you may use a map or chart to point out the interesting places and happenings in the lesson. Or you may use a chart of your own making, pointing to it often to hold their attention.

If it is a youth class, even a young married-people's class, you could present it as a game or a sport. I often use the chart, "The Road of Learning," which I make from a piece of cardboard. I start at the bottom with the sign, "Start to learn," in a small circle; then mark it off in miles up to 140, where I make another circle and write, "Home of the learned." Each correct answer from either side—you can use red and blue, or gold and white—gives that side one mile; each incorrect answer moves the side back one mile.

Using two thumb tacks the color of the sides, you simply move it up on the chart each time and stick it in the cardboard. You can give free miles of any amount for each visitor, new member, or the most offering. I have seen the offering in a teen-age class go up from eighty-five cents per Sunday to over twelve dollars per Sunday, and with this the attendance doubled. The main thing in teaching is to get the lesson over to your pupils, and keep them coming back.

A Sunday School teacher should *teach* the lesson. If he is prepared, and has something to say, his pupils will want to hear it; if not, they may drift into personal conversation and turn the class into a private opinion poll. I've been in classes where they talked about everything from atomic bombs to barber shops and never touched the lesson. If a teacher has sought God about his lesson, and has made preparation to teach, he will find it much easier to keep to the lesson. If he cannot find time to prepare his lesson then he should rearrange his schedule; or if it is just not possible, then he should let someone teach who can find the time. There is an old proverb that says, "Time spent in sharpening your tools is never lost." This is true because you will gain the time by using sharp tools instead of dull ones. If you interest your pupils, and hold their attention by your teaching and not by threats, then you will find that your class will grow. ●

HE IS MY SAVIOUR

By Brother Ogiya



Brother Ogiya

Brother Ogiya has attended two weekly Bible classes regularly for almost three years. At the Summer Bible Camp in 1962, he gave his heart to the Lord and since that time has been an unusual leader among his student friends. He is presently lending much support to the program of the Tokyo Youth Center (1962 Y.W.E.A. Project). It was to reach young people of this kind that Tokyo Youth Center was first envisaged, and the Lord has been pleased to smile upon every effort. May the Lord richly reward each of you who made this Youth Church and Center a reality in Tokyo, the world's largest city, a city that greatly needs Christ.

—L. E. Heil, Overseer of Japan

I AM A university freshman. When I was a junior in high school, our English teacher, Mr. Taniguchi, announced that an English class was planned for our group to be taught by Miss Mary Comans, an American missionary. Mr. Taniguchi was a dedicated Christian and we respected him highly. We were pleased to hear his announcement that this class had been planned because we sincerely wanted the opportunity for free conversation in English with Americans. To attend her Bible class was to improve my English. That was my only purpose for going.



This church and youth center, where Brother Ogiya worships, was built with money raised by the World Evangelism Appeal of the Church of God.

I did not know what the Bible was. Neither did I know anything about God; I had very little interest in things of that nature. Neither did I want to know about spiritual things. To be truthful, my first impression of the lessons Miss Comans taught was that it was all quite ridiculous. I did not believe anything she told us. That was because I was a sinner. Often she says that it is not her teaching but the Spirit of God that speaks to us.

As the weeks passed by my reason for attending the Bible class gradually changed—I began to repent. Having committed many sins, I was ashamed of myself. I was at a loss as to what I should do. Neither my parents, my brother, nor my friends could understand the great burden I was carrying. Even I could not understand! Who can know my trouble? Who can take away my sins? I came to know that this is possible only through Jesus Christ who is the Son of God. "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost" (Matthew 18:11). "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death" (Romans 8:23). I began to realize that all men are sinners and must be born again.

It is not too much to say that I was saved by Miss Comans' Bible class. Miss Comans very often told us that God will forgive the sinner who humbles himself to sincerely repent and ask God's forgiveness. I am now a changed person and I hope to be baptized in water very soon.

In my opinion, it is rather difficult to become a Christian for Satan always tries to stop us from believing and he hinders the advancement of our Christian life. However, I have strength in remembering that Jesus Christ has power over Satan. I have come to know that Christianity is more than praying, reading the Bible and going to church. It is foolishness to think that we can become a Christian by doing these good deeds. On the contrary, all that is required of us is to believe on Jesus as our Saviour. When I believed in Him, I had a desire to go to church, to pray, and to read the Bible daily. These came as a result of my faith.

How wonderful it is to have this saving faith. Everyone who has faith in Him shall not die but have eternal life (John 3:16). Since I have become a Christian I know a freedom which many people who are physically free know nothing about. For this spiritual freedom I am eternally grateful to God. ●

THE BIBLE AND ONE MAN'S FAMILY



By Mel Larson

Editor, The Evangelical Beacon

DURING 1962 the Harold Scherer family of Hopkins, Minnesota, embarked on a difficult assignment. They pledged to read the entire Bible through together . . . ! The plan was a simple one. Immediately after dinner and dishes, Mr. and Mrs. Scherer, David, 27, Sara, 21, Diana, 18 and Thomas, 16, gathered around the dinner table for Bible reading.

The result?

They accomplished the difficult task, reading four or more chapters a night. Each member in the family read five or six verses at a time in round-robin fashion.

On Thursday, February 14, 1963, reporter Dick Cunningham of *The Minneapolis Tribune* was working on a story of members of Evangelical Free Churches in the Minneapolis and St. Paul areas who had read the Bible through in '62. The EFCA was one of many groups cooperating in the National Association of Evangelicals' Read it Through in '62 campaign.

A *Tribune* photographer stopped at the Scherer home and snapped a photo of the family at the dinner table, reading the Bible.

The next day, Friday, Mr. Scherer died of a heart attack as he walked out of a Minneapolis bank!

The *Tribune* editors, hearing of the death, called the Scherer family to extend sympathy and to say that out of respect for Mr. Scherer they would not run the picture the following Sunday. The Scherer family, however, talked it over and told the *Tribune* that the picture could be run and thus used as a testimony to the closeness the Bible reading had brought this family in 1962.

So it was that on Sunday, February 17, *The Minneapolis Sunday Tribune* ran a four-column picture of the Scherers at devotions, under the caption:

THIS FAMILY PICTURE HAS A SPECIAL MEANING

The headline over the accompanying article by Cunningham said:

Family That Read Entire Bible
in '62 Sustained in '63 Sorrow

The next day, Scherer was buried following services at the St. Louis Park Evangelical Free Church, where he was a member.

Scherer, 64, an accountant, had told Cunningham, "Reading the Bible through out loud gave our family a new perspective. The Epistle to the Ephesians, for instance, was brand new to me."

Added Mrs. Scherer, "The Bible reading seemed to bring us all closer together. I'm so glad now we did it."

At the end of March I picked up the phone to call Mrs. Scherer and ask her permission for this article and obtain approval for use of the *Sunday Tribune* photo. Once again she gave permission, with the added hope that it would be of help to someone through her experience. She also said that the book of Romans took on new meaning for her as they had read it through. They missed the routine a bit on a family vacation east, but later increased the pace to complete it. The Bible they had read so faithfully in 1962, said Pastor Quinten H. P. Alfors of the St. Louis Park Church, stood each member in good stead during the hours of bereavement.

Is the Scherer family through reading the Scriptures out loud now that the father is gone?

Not in the least.

In 1963 they started a new plan. Now, each evening after dinner and dishes they gather around the table. They read, in round-robin fashion, one chapter of the New Testament. Then, one of the five, asks a set of questions he or she has prepared before.

"We find this questioning interesting and helpful," Mrs. Scherer told me. "It surely makes you concentrate as you read and as you listen."

Somehow you couldn't help but wish that every family in America would adopt this Bible reading plan which the Scherers have used in 1962 and 1963.

There would be help in life and comfort and courage in time of death. ●

YOUTH IN ACTION



Invitation via Balloon, Middletown, Ohio

BALLOONS AWAY!

On April 13th there were about 300 balloons released at the Clayton St. Church of God in Middletown, Ohio. The unusual thing about it was that they were filled with helium and a note was attached to each one inviting people to Sunday School on Easter Sunday. A photographer was on hand from the Middletown Journal and on Sunday morning the picture appeared in the local newspaper along with a nice editorial which gave the city an invitation to our Sunday School.

We received a letter from Ronald Cordle in Cherokee, Kentucky, stating that he was out on a hike on Easter Sunday and found one of our balloons with the message. Cherokee is about 150 miles from Middletown. We also received a letter from Greensboro, North Carolina from Mrs R. T. Layton, Sr., stating that she walked out on her lawn at 5:35 p.m. on Saturday, April 13th, and found a red balloon with the invitation attached. We had released the balloons at 10:30 a.m. This means within about seven hours, our invitation had traveled at least 300 air miles. This was a thrilling experience.

Our Junior and Primary Departments played a big part in this project. We filled the balloons and prepared them for release, then Tom Henderson, one of our teenagers gave the countdown—10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Eveyone held on to their balloon and on BLAST OFF they were all released together. As they went up the photographer took the above photograph. The picture does not get all of our boys and girls. In response to the invitation and enthusiasm, we had a total of 1023 in Sunday School Easter.

—Rev. John C. Black, Associate Pastor

TORRINGTON, WYOMING, WINS CONTEST

In a contest ending May 3, the Churches of God at Torrington, East Casper, and North Casper, Wyoming, raised $55.04 for the Home for Children.

The Contest, which ran for three months, gave one point for each bottle cap collected coming from the Pepsi Cola Bottling Company in Casper, Wyoming; and twenty-five points for each new person attending Sunday School during the period.

Torrington walked off with contest honors with a total of 5,622 points. North Casper had 4,172 points.

The bottle caps collected were turned in to the Pepsi Cola bottling Company, Casper, Wyoming, who gave one-half a cent per cap to the Home for Children. We extend our thanks for this charitable act in giving to so worthy a cause.

Special recognition is deserved by: Ray Wilhelm and his sister Kathy who spearheaded the drive for Torrington, Mrs. Louis Lott who led the drive at North Casper and the Reverend Johnnie Mapp who led the way at East Casper.

—J. O. Martin, State Youth Director, Wyoming

GARDENDALE, ALABAMA, OBSERVES YOUTH WEEK

The youth began the week by getting up early to attend the Easter Sunrise service at Rickwood Caverns. The owner of the caverns, the Reverend Rickles, was in charge of the service. After service he served a free breakfast. We were also served a light breakfast at the

home of James Cornelius, (Kimberly District Youth Director). After the two good breakfasts, we made ready for Sunday School. We were thrilled to learn there was a grand total of 120 attending Sunday School, which made us a new record, our old record being 108.

The youth revival began Easter Sunday night with the Reverend Delane Thrash as the evangelist. The youth were in charge of the devotion each evening. On Sunday ending youth week, the youth carried out the entire Sunday School and they carried out the church program like old warriors.

They visited a total of nineteen homes during the week. The youth sponsored a car-wash and a meatless missionary supper. The proceeds to go to the Y.W.E.A. project. The total offering amounted to $27.25.

—Mrs. Nell Cornelius, Reporter



Chester (Ridgeview), South Carolina



Easton, Maryland

YOUNG MARRIED COUPLES' CLASS

Pictured above is the Young Married Couples' Class of the Church of God in Easton, Maryland. This picture was taken recently with 37 present. The class has had a wonderful growth, considering that it averaged less than 10 before Christmas.

This is an active class with the women sponsoring pie suppers, as well as a carry-out chicken supper recently which netted over $100. In addition to these projects, they have built a new Sunday School room in the basement of the church annex at a cost of approximately $175.00. The group interest is shown in their monthly socials at which they have almost 100 per cent attendance.

The teacher of this class, Wayne A. Friend, is to be commended for his vision and zeal. He is a one-man class visitation committee and the growth of the class reflects the result of his efforts. Teacher Friend states, "I thank the Lord for giving the increase, and my prayers are to see the total class membership led to the Lord. This is a challenge, of course, but nothing is impossible with the Lord."

—Harold L. Chesser, State Director

PIONEERS FOR CHRIST RIDGEVIEW CHURCH OF GOD

Truly God has blessed our youth at the Ridgeview Church of God, Chester, South Carolina.

During youth week, nineteen young people were wonderfully saved, twelve sanctified, seven received the Holy Ghost and five were added to the church.

We have just organized a new Pioneers For Christ club with six members and we are looking forward to an increasing membership. In our Youth Fellowship club we have twenty members; also, our Sparks club has twelve members. The youth of our church have a great desire to work for the Lord and the church.

Our church has done some record breaking since December, 1962. The Y.P.E. record has been broken three times. The old record was 60 and the new record is 80. The Sunday School broke its record Easter with an increase in attendance from 62 to 71. The youth presented a play for Easter entitled, "Claudia, the Wife of Pilate."

All of our Sunday School workers have completed the new study course. We want to give God praise for success in our church work during the month of April.

—Betty Harris, Pastor

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AUGUST 19-23, 1963

From Page 5 Redemption on Skid Row

Nancy was appalled at the sloven appearance of the women. Old women with lingering shreds of beauty. Young women grotesque with bright colored cheeks. Their clothes were shapeless and out of date. Had they laughed and loved their families like other people?

Hope stood and said, "I wouldn't be happy without telling you what Christ means to me. He opened up a new life for me when I accepted Him as my Saviour."

Another man stood and said, "When I was your age I was the happiest boy in the world. Then I married and went into business for myself. I began meeting with other young business men for a social drink.

"Then one day I realized my drinking was out of hand. The depression came and the pressure of my failing business was too much for me. My wife left me. She couldn't stand to see me try to drown my troubles in a bottle. Finally, my business collapsed completely and I with it; it wasn't long until I was down here on Skid Row.

"Then I found Christ and He gave me back my life, but it was too late. I'm too old to work, so I just have to sit and wait until God calls me to my home in heaven." The man sat down and wiped his eyes with a red bandanna.

When Hope and Nancy were back in their own room, Hope asked, "Well—Nancy, what did you think of the meeting?"

Nancy threw herself across her bed and burst into tears. Hope sat down beside her and put her arm around Nancy. When the sobs subsided, Nancy said, "Why didn't you make me understand how pitiful those poor people are. I feel simply awful," Nancy dried her eyes and sat up and said, "I wish I had what you have, Hope."

"You mean that you want and need Christ, Nancy. All you have to do is ask Him to come into your heart. He will take you by the hand and lead you into a happy and useful life," Hope explained.

"Do you think Christ will accept me?" Nancy asked.

"I'm sure He will," Hope assured her.

"I'm awfully selfish and ungrateful. Honestly, I'm not a very nice person," Nancy confessed.

"Jesus will accept you just like you are and change your life and make you a new person. Let's kneel down right here and give Him a chance," Hope encouraged.

Nancy was a little hesitant, but finally knelt with Hope and poured her heart out in prayer.

When the lights were out and the girls were in bed, Hope breathed another prayer, "Thank you, Father, for answering my prayers for Nancy. Please, take her hand and lead her into a life of Christian service."

From Page 9 Youth Camp South America

Spirit. Some of the campers sang in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. The blessings of the Lord continued throughout the

week, and fires of revival burned in our souls. In all, fifteen were saved, thirteen baptized with the Holy Ghost, and two more rededicated themselves to the Lord and were refilled with the Holy Spirit.

AFTER THE FINAL service of the camp, the young people gathered around a campfire and testified as to just what the camp meant to them. Their testimonies went like this:

"Most of all, I'm thankful God saved me and filled me with the Holy Ghost. Too, I'm thankful for the Bible studies, and for the practical training received on the preparation and use of flannelgraph materials. I hope to work in the D.V.B.S.'s this next vacation time."

Another said, "Before coming to youth camp, I often quarreled with my brothers. But I learned during this week that this isn't pleasing to the Lord. I want to return home and exemplify the fruit of the Spirit."

A new convert testified, "I thank the Lord for the privilege to attend this youth camp. Never have I seen such love and fellowship one for the other."

One fellow who had to work until the last day of the camp said, "I only got to visit the camp today. But, the Lord willing, I want to be the first one to arrive for youth camp next year."

One of the boys' counselors stated, "I am surely sorry I didn't get to attend last year's camp, but I have really taken advantage of this week. The study on Paul's journeys made me realize just how completely Paul was surrendered to the Lord and how much he was willing to suffer for the sake of the Gospel. I plan to return to my home church and teach this course to the young people there."

The other boys' counselor said, "This makes the second youth camp I've attended. I hope to attend them until I'm 50!"

Now we're looking forward to youth camp time this summer. Interest is high. We believe that this camp will be better than the past two, for our confidence is in Him "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think!" ●

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Marietta, Georgia	133
Warner Robins (Southside), Ga.	133
Lawrenceville, Illinois	133
Farmers, Kentucky	133
Marion (Cross Mill), North Carolina	133
Shelby, North Carolina	133
Chattaroy, West Virginia	133
Indian Springs, Alabama	132
Masseyline, Alabama	132
Miami (Hialeah), Florida	132
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Bonham, Texas	131
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Guntersville, Alabama	130
Fort Meade, Florida	130
Jacksonville (Kings Highway), Fla.	130
Tampa (Temple Terrace), Florida	130
Rocky Hill, Mississippi	130
Norwood, Ohio	130
South Richmond, Virginia	130
Abingdon, Virginia	130
Bradford, Alabama	129
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Denver, Colorado	129
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Landis, North Carolina	129
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East Burlington, North Carolina	129
Lincolnton, North Carolina	129
Princeton, North Carolina	129
Hartselle, Alabama	128
Montgomery, Alabama	128
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Savannah (Westside), Georgia	128
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Hamilton (Allstatter), Ohio	128
Madisonville, Tennessee	128
Maple Hollow, Tennessee	128
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Gainesville, Georgia	127
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Catawba Heights, North Carolina	127
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Pine Bluff, Arkansas	126
Blanton's Grove, Georgia	126
Granite City, Illinois	126
Morganton, North Carolina	126
Borger, Texas	126
Pratt City, Alabama	125
Statesville, North Carolina	125
Roxboro, North Carolina	125
Oklahoma City (South West), Okla.	125
Matheny, West Virginia	125
Petersburg, West Virginia	125

NATION'S TOP TEN IN HOME DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE

Total Monthly Attendance for March

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), S. C.	4,591
East Gadsden, Alabama	1,234
Kannapolis (Elm Street), N. C.	894
Stockton (G), California	726
Radnor, West Virginia	612
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia	585
Fresno (Temple), California	520
Decatur, Alabama	498
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Fla.	446
Landis, North Carolina	420

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia	50
South Carolina	38
Alabama	20
Michigan	19
California	16
North Carolina	15
Oklahoma	15
Ohio	14
Georgia	13
Pennsylvania	12

REPORT OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 — 51

New Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 — 73

Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 — 124

TEN HIGHEST CHURCHES IN NUMBER OF PERSONAL VISITS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

"Souls cost soles." Enlist your Sunday School workers in systematic and regular visitation. It is the Biblical method and it's the best way to reach people for Christ and the Sunday School.

NOTE: Every Sunday School should report visits to State Director.

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	3,506
Dillon, South Carolina	2,857
Detroit (Tabernacle), Michigan	2,354
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	1,400
Lebanon, Ohio	1,018
Lexington (7th Street), Kentucky	969
Middletown (Oxford), Ohio	892
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio	818
Manatee, Florida	809
Saint Charles, Missouri	808

Young People's Endeavor

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

April, 1963

200 and Over

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	282
Greenville (Tremont Avenue), S. C.	270
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	261
South Gastonia, North Carolina	254
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	230
Tifton, Georgia	218
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee	205
St. Michael (River Road), Barbados, W. I.	205

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Huntington, West Virginia	192
Erwin, North Carolina	185
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida	184
Coats, North Carolina	179
Goldsboro, North Carolina	178
Radford, Virginia	178
Hester Town, North Carolina	177
Garden City, Florida	174
Kannapolis (Elm Street), N. C.	170
Gap Hill, South Carolina	170
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania	166
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama	160
Sparta, Tennessee	156
Whitwell, Tennessee	153
South Lebanon, Ohio	151
Lakeland (Lake Wire), Florida	150

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Lexington, North Carolina	148
Lenoir City, Tennessee	147
Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio	146
Columbus (29th Street), Georgia	145
West Flint, Michigan	143
Memphis (North), Tennessee	142
Newport News, Virginia	141
Perry, Florida	139
New York (Third Avenue), N. Y.	138
Austin, Indiana	137
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio	137
Cleveland (South), Tennessee	136
Crumbley's Chapel, Alabama	135

Avondale Estates, Georgia — 135
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West Frankfort, Illinois — 134
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Sylacauga, Alabama — 84
Winter Garden, Florida — 84
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SPIRITUAL RESULTS AMONG OUR YOUTH

April 30, 1963

Saved	3,720
Sancified	1,646
Filled With Holy Ghost	1,249
Added to the Church	953

Since June 30, 1962

Saved	31,641
Sanctified	14,844
Filled With Holy Ghost	10,694
Added to the Church	8,388
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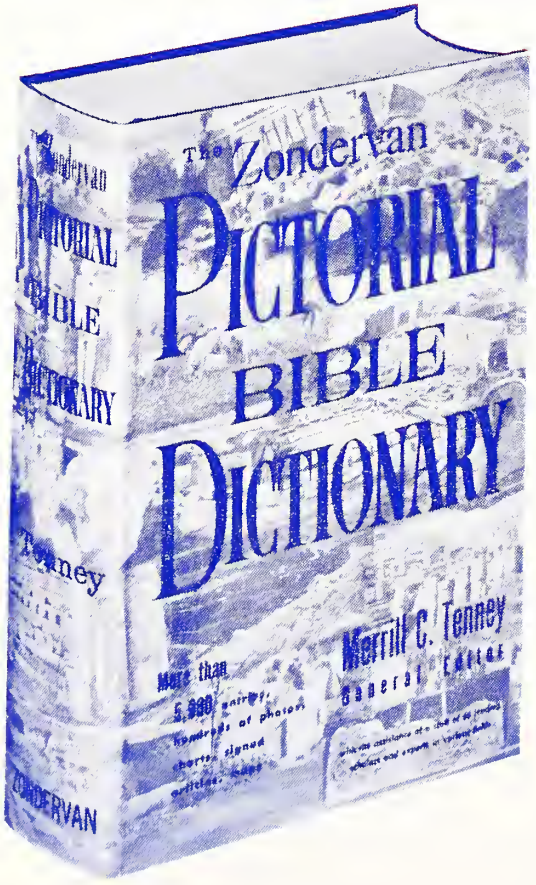
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Many spur-of-the-moment decisions will have to be made during the coming months. Sometimes we worry about whether we will be able to make the right choice when the crucial moment comes. Don't be overconcerned about the future, for it will take care of itself when it is the "present" if we have laid a firm foundation for it.

Lay your foundation in the Lord. *Read good literature* including fiction, travel, biography, and Christian living, and refuse to permit your mind and heart to be filled with trashy magazine articles. You will react in an emergency according to what you have deep inside you. What you really are, not what you pretend to be, is made clear to all in a moment of crisis.

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THESE ARE DAYS that try youth's souls, days that test the very warp and woof of the spiritual fiber of young people. Our ". . . adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8). But, like Daniel, we can be kept safe, even in the lions' den.

The invincible fortitude of Biblical Daniel is a fitting lesson in this spineless age. Here is a person who lived in a heathen land where almost everyone about him was bowing to Satan's will. Daniel would not bow. That is, he would not bow in prayer to a king. Instead he bowed regularly and prayed to the God of heaven, which resulted in his being cast into the lions' den.

While with the lions, God's power through Daniels' unconquerable faith shut the beasts' mouths. Just as Jehovah kept Daniel from being eaten by the ferocious lions, He will keep youths today who will dare defy Satan with prayer and uncompromising faith.

This old world is a lions' den where the devil will devour youth who will carelessly yield ground to him. Sin is rampant. In many areas it is not only common for youth to partake of certain sins, but it is expected. To go half nude, to use profanity, to smoke, to drink, and to have unwholesome associates is practically forced upon them. Meanwhile prayer and faith in God are unknown arts in these circles.

Youth's faith is constantly attacked by one television commercial and program after the other where youthful sins are popularized. They are taught that smoking is a good habit, that drinking is acceptable, that a promiscuous love affair is not too bad, and that murder is easily executed. Regardless of how well these acts may be glamourized, God's Bible still calls them sin. They are still instigated by the devil, the roaring lion. The wages of sin is death the Book still states.

Daniel had the answer for the lions. First, he had *self-control,* for he would not defile himself with the king's meat nor with his wine. Another cardinal quality of this man with a backbone was that he had *courage* to stand adamantly against sin, even though the offender was Belshazzar, the king.

While rising to a high place in government, this Jew was a person of absolute *integrity*. His enemies, desiring to start a scandal, sought diligently for evidence of dishonesty; however, the Record states that they found no fault in him. We will not all become as great as Daniel, but we can be as honest as he.

His greatest attribute, however, was his *prayerfulness*. Here is where his spiritual strength lay. His prayerfulness generated faith which closed the mouths of the lions. Today's lions just cannot do away with a young person who prays regularly. Such a person will withstand the attacks of the devil as surely as the Rock of Gibraltar defies a hurricane. Satan cannot overcome the power accrued in prayer.

This envisioned Israelite residing in pagan Chaldea possessed genuine *humility*. Other people may showingly strut before their gods, but Daniel falls prostrate before the true God. Too, he was a person of *spiritual perception*. He listened to what God said. The world needs young people like that today.

In the lions' den Daniel was alone except for the lions—and God. When morning came a sleepless king asked, "O Daniel . . . is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions?" (Daniel 6:20). Daniel answered in the affirmative, the only answer possible to give. Had the answer been *no,* he would not have been there to give it!

The old king was so impressed with Daniel's being alive in the den of lions he decreed that only the God of Daniel would be worshiped in the land. The miracle of Daniel's being kept from the lions made the people God-minded. If we will allow God to keep us from Satan's ways we will definitely move people toward God.

Clyne W. Buxton

STRANGER on the FARM

By Chester Shuler

Illustrated by Freddie Coleman



HE STARTED AWAY, THEN TURNED BACK. "IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND MAY I HEAR THAT VERSE AGAIN? YOU SEE, IT WAS MY MOTHER'S FAVORITE GOSPEL SONG WHEN I WAS A LITTLE BOY."

ZWING—ZWANG! Zwing—zwang!' The rhythmical sound of milk striking the metal pail formed accompaniment to the soprano—alto duet, as Joan Gibbs and her weekend guest, Caroline Evans, sang while they milked cows that lovely summer morning.

"I love to tell the story
Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory,
Of Jesus and His love."

"Caroline, you amaze me," exclaimed Joan as they paused between stanzas. "For a city girl, you've become a milking expert in no time at all. Most girls from the city simply can't milk a cow. How did you learn so quickly?"

Caroline smiled. "I've spent several delightful summers on my grandparents' farm. And really, milking a gentle old cow like Bossy isn't too difficult. I'm far from being an expert though, and I think that your idea of singing while you work is an excellent one. It's just too bad," she added with a grin, "that I am not allowed to sing at my work in the hospital. Can't you just imagine a grumbling head nurse sailing down the corridor to discover who is disturbing the peace?"

"I don't think I'd enjoy head nurses very well under any circumstances, judging by what I've seen and heard of them," laughed Joan. "I much prefer being a farm girl. How about singing some more? Your alto voice is beautiful, Caroline."

"I love to tell the story,
It did so much for me,
And that is just the reason
I tell it now to thee."

The duet ended with a startled "Oh!" from both singers as a muffled, nearby applause made them leap to their feet. An unshaven man of uncertain age stood in the doorway. Straw and hayseed clung to his worn shabby clothing.

"I'm sorry if I startled you, young ladies," he said, "but such fine singing deserves applause. I've been listening outside. In fact," he smiled and his pleasant voice sounded very un-tramplike, "your beautiful duet awakened me in my suite, second floor front, in this hotel. Sorry to check in without asking your father's permission. But it was late when I arrived and I didn't wish to disturb anyone. I never carry matches. Don't use tobacco. Again my apologies, ladies, if I frightened you. Won't you continue the song, please?"

The man hesitated. "If I could be of some service—to pay for my night's lodging. I'd be happy to—"

"There's nothing you can do, thanks. You're welcome to the lodging."

"Sorry to have troubled you," the man muttered. He started away, then turned back. "If you wouldn't mind, may I hear that verse again? You see, it was my mother's favorite gospel song when I was a little boy. It brings back memories of one I loved. . . ."

The girls glanced at each other and Joan said, "Very well. If you'll wait outside, we'll sing it again."

The man nodded and went outside. Joan watched until he paused near the milk house. Then they sang the verse again. "It may help him, Joan," Caroline said softly. "Let's pray that it may touch his heart."

Joan nodded, and they sang all the verses, finishing their milking and the song at the same time. "He's parked at the milk house," Joan said, in an annoyed tone. "It shows he's acquainted with farm life. Knows that will be our next stop. I do wish Daddy and Zeke were back from town."

"I think the man's good," Caroline said quietly. "If he had a shave, haircut, bath, and some better clothes—well, I predict he would look like a different man. Probably he's just out of work."

"He's coming over here again!" Joan said quickly. "Let's get out of here. Come, bring your pail."

"Thanks, ladies," the stranger said, smiling through his heavy beard. May I take your pails? It would be my pleasure, I assure you."

He picked up the heavy pails and started toward the milk house. "You'll never know," he said pleasantly, "how much your singing has done for me. I take it that you young ladies are—er—Christians?" Words seemed to fail him.

"We are," Caroline said. "We trust that you are also, sir."

Slowly he shook his head. "I'm afraid I do not profess to be a Christian. Really, your song has stirred emotions which have been dormant. You see, religion has hardly been one of my hobbies or interests."

"Then perhaps you would be interested in hearing the 'Old, Old Story,' about which we have been singing." Caroline's tone was simple, sincere. "It can do so much for anyone."

The tramp set the milk pails carefully in place inside the milk house, then said, "I don't wish to delay you on your busy morning. But I am always ready to listen to something good, and—"

Caroline glanced at Joan, who seemed puzzled. "I—I guess it will be all right," Joan muttered.

"I believe he would like to hear the story," Caroline said. Being an experienced nurse, she had seen in this man something which escaped the younger girl. Many derelicts were brought into the wards of the large city hospital where she worked. "I'll be so glad," she continued, "to explain the way of salvation provided by the Lord Jesus Christ, if you wish to hear it."

THE STRANGER glanced around him uncertainly. His gaze rested for a long moment upon a truck which approached from far down the highway. "If you're sure that my presence here won't be resented when the gentleman comes home—" he muttered. "I'm interested in my soul's welfare, of course, and, as you may

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have guessed, I've not always been a tramp. It sounds like the usual story, I know, but unemployment and ill health have forced me to take to the road until I can locate work."

Caroline nodded. "You are ill now," she said sympathetically. Turning to Joan she asked, "Will it be okay if he sits on the porch steps to rest? And I imagine a bite of breakfast, when it is served, would help him a lot."

The tramp's grimy face lighted. "Bless you, young lady! Yes, I'd like very much to sit down, if I may." He sank upon the first step gratefully. Although the morning was cool, perspiration stood out on his forehead. "Now, may I hear this old, old story, please?"

Caroline drew from her pocket a New Testament. "In this Book," she began quietly, "we find the story. It is a story of love— love such as the world had never known before Jesus came. You, of course, know how Jesus was born into the world as a baby."

The man had been listening intently to Caroline's words. She had been absorbed with the telling of the story. Neither person had noticed the big black car which had glided silently around the barn and had stopped. Now two tall gray-uniformed state policemen strode toward the little group. The tramp leaped to his feet in alarm.

"Just a moment there, Mac," one officer said. "We want to talk with you before you leave."

Joan and Caroline, aghast, watched the scene with new interest. Just who was their mysterious visitor? A vicious criminal wanted for a dozen offenses? Joan shuddered, but Caroline continued to watch quietly.

"What do you want, officer?" the tramp asked nervously. "I have committed no crime, sir, and—"

"Perhaps not," the officer said grimly. "But you'll have to explain what you were doing over in Hickory Valley between eleven and twelve o'clock last night, just before Mr. Johnson's place was burglarized. You were seen around there by two witnesses. Their description of the man they saw tallies with yours in every detail."

The tramp hesitated. The officers' suspicion increased. "Come, come, speak up!" commanded one. "Lying won't help you!"

A big red truck skidded to a stop and Mr. Gibbs and his son Zeke hurried over to the group. "What's going on here, officer?" the man asked a n x i o u s l y. "What's this tramp been up to? Has he—" he glanced quickly at the girls.

"He slept in our barn last night, Daddy," Joan explained. "He has been very gentlemanly toward us. Caroline has been telling him the gospel story, and . . ."

The officers looked amazed. Then one laughed. "Gospel story, eh? Wasted time, miss. This bum's heard it often, while getting free handouts at missions. Come, come, man, confess, and make it snappy!"

Suddenly Mr. Gibbs stepped forward and looked intently at the tramp. "Hey, wait a minute, officer! If this isn't Jim Travers, I'll eat my straw hat! Jim, where on earth have you been all these years?"

"You know this guy?" asked the officer, brusquely. "Will you vouch for him, Mr. Gibbs?"

The farmer nodded. "I knew him as a young boy. His father and I were schoolmates over in Hickory Valley. Jim disappeared, and this is the first time I have seen or heard of him in years. I believe, though," he added hesitaingly, "that Jim's okay, officer."



"I'll keep Jim here for a while," Mr. Gibbs said, "It's the least I can do for the son of my old friend, Henry Travers. Thanks, officer."

"Mr. Gibbs I can't thank you enough," Jim said, gratefully. "I'll never forget your kindness."

"Good. Now, Zeke, suppose you take Jim and get him cleaned up and into one of your suits. You're about the same size. Then we'll see if Mother has some breakfast prepared for a hungry bunch."

Around the breakfast table a happy group assembled. "I think," said Caroline Evans, "that Mr. Travers should see a doctor soon. If Zeke will take him to the hospital, when I return I'll see that he has proper care."

Jim glanced gratefully at the pretty nurse. "Thank you, Miss Evans. You not only try to heal the soul but the body as well. I believe I can have real faith in your kind of Christianity. And Mr. Gibbs, I see, practices the same kind, as do all of you good people."

"We are Christians, Jim," Zeke said quietly. "And being a genuine Christian makes one concerned for the welfare of others. That's all there is to it."

"If I can find work which I am able to do when I am feeling better," Jim said, "I mean to settle down in this community."

"The question of work is settled now, Jim," Mr. Gibbs said kindly. "I can use a general handy man around this big place, and I think that you will qualify. But first, we'll let Caroline and her hospital fix you up physically." He hesitated, then added earnestly, "May I say, Jim, that the Lord is the Great Healer of body and soul. When our trust is in Him we have the Great Physician also on our side."

The meal ended with everyone singing with real feeling, "I Love to Tell the Story." The exalted expression on Caroline's face told plainly how much joy the telling of that story that morning had brought to her soul. ●

WHEN H-BOMBS FALL

By Clay Cooper
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HISTORY IS hardly kind enough to allow us the speculative question, "To Be Or Not To Be." The cherished hope that the frightfulness of nuclear weapons will prevent their use is poorly founded. When, in the past, has the awesomeness of man's destructive devices totally eliminated their use? Sooner or later a provocation arises calling for the application of each new devastating contrivance.

It is almost too good to be true to expect that history will not repeat itself. There can be little, if any, reasonable doubt that one day an order will be given to a weaponeer to activate an H-bomb for release "on target." Nations reckon with this possibility twenty-four hours of every day.

Recoil as we may at the prospect of thermo nuclear catastrophe, no highly positioned person has yet dared affirm, "It *can't* happen," and since it *can* happen it probably will, man's penchant for war being what it is.

Chaos from an exchange of H-Bombs, even on a minimal scale, will be colossal. This poses the necessity for realistic thinking. If we are fortunate, we may have as much as fifteen minutes between warning and impact in which to prepare to meet our God in peace. The time factor will be decided, largely, by the distance from launching site to destruction area. The grace period could be shortened to mere seconds if the missiles are put up from lurking submarines nearby.

It may provide slight consolation to contemplate that we die but once; also, that there are certainly more insufferable ways of being dispatched from this world into the next. If mode were the only consideration, sudden incineration in the holocaust might even be preferred by many. Alas, there are overshadowing issues.

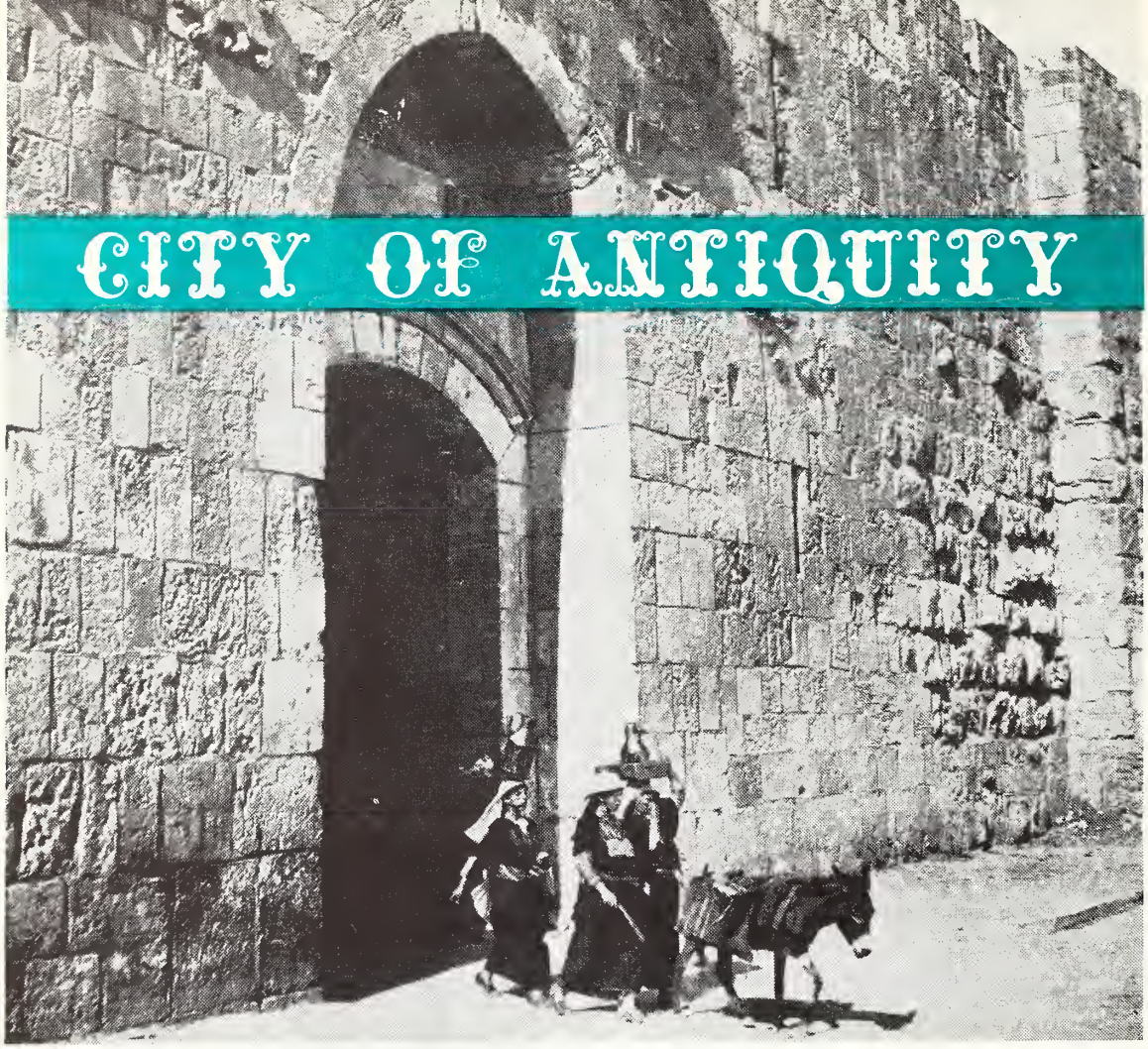
Most persons on the night side of the world will be caught asleep. They will waken in eternity. This is a sobering thought. Only those on the day side may be favored with enough time to say a penitential prayer.

Most of us hope for an amicable relationship with our Maker in our final moments on earth, even if we have not known or deserved it before; and, almost innately do we expect there will be "eleventh hour" grace extended in which to mend our ways. But when H-Bombs fall, there will be no reprieves. Millions will likely die right where they are and as they are, without absolution, baptism, or even time to cry, "God be merciful to me, a sinner."

The fiery mushroom will be impartial. Both Christians and non-Christians will be *cremated equal.* For the Redeemed, the pillar of flame will be Elijah's chariot of fire whisking him to heaven. Far from creating gloom, tomorrow's outlook only provides incentive for more ardent discipleship today. Then, sudden death, sudden glory.

Alas and alack for the unsaved masses! Consternation and dread, for a few seconds, or minutes, will become immeasurable. May the courteous reader determine to be not numbered among them; and, he can, and may, so resolve. While guaranteeing no immunity from the violence of a nuclear cataclysm, personal acceptance of Christ does vouchsafe spiritual survival, come what may. To insure this there is but one course we must all pursue to be infallibly safe, come H-Bombs or no. It is this:

> *Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have*
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> *EVERLASTING LIFE*
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> (Acts 16:31, Romans 10:10, John 3:16). ●



CITY OF ANTIQUITY

By Enola Chamberlin

THINKING OF DAMASCUS we think of Saul of Tarsus being turned to the Lord outside the gate. We think of his entering the city after having been blinded by a vision, and seeking the "street called Straight." We think of his preaching of Christ there, and of the Jews guarding the gate, waiting to kill him. We think of his being let down outside the city's wall in a basket by the disciples, and so escaping to become Paul the apostle, taking the word of Christ to the people.

But as we think of Damascus, we can think of it having been in existence long before the time of Paul. The Bible mentions it in Genesis 14:15. We have Egyptian records of it dating back to 2,000 B. C. It was called the "Pearl of the desert" which it still is today. Resting on both sides of the Barada River, at the foot of the Anti-Lebanon Mountains, its green fields stretch for miles. Its orchards are wonders of tropical fruits. Industries flourish. Damascus Steel has become a by-word around the world. Its swords were once things to be greatly prized. Damask, although first made by Chinese weavers, takes its name from Damascus, because of the city's famous weaving mills.

King David subjugated Damascus. Elisha prophesied the death of Ben-hadad, King of Syria there. The Bible tells us of Tiglath-Pileser's, King of Assyria, going up against Damascus and taking it from Rezin, King of Syria. Even at that time the city was famed for the pattern and fashion of an altar within its walls.

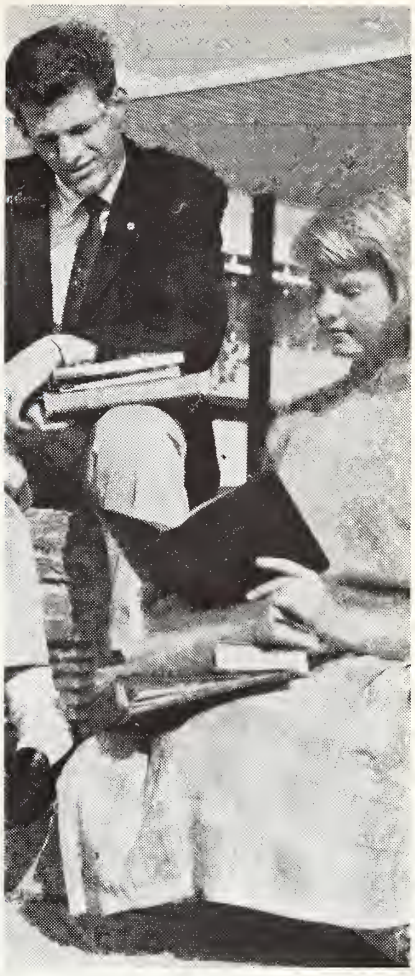
In spite of its place in Bible history, Damascus is a Moslem city. The minarets of perhaps two-hundred-and-fifty mosques rise against the intense blue of the desert sky. Because of the many fires that have swept the city through the years, few of the old buildings still stand. However, the "street called Straight" is still there. Stretching for two miles through the heart of the city, it is roofed all the way. Shops and bazaars line its sides.

Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians, Romans and Turks as well as the Christian Crusaders have left their mark upon the city through their occupation of it. Today, Syria, having become an independent nation, is a free city.

With one hand reaching back to the dawn of history, Damascus stretches the other one forward into the future. Its place in the world of trade is secure. Released from the clutch of conquerors, it can bend all its efforts toward its own advancement. But no matter what it does or what it becomes, it will continue to live on in our memories as the city where Paul became a Christian. ●

A RENDEZVOUS with LIFE

By Ruth Starnes



LET YOUTH BE courageous in his rendezvous with life. Stand firm with your back toward the past and your face toward the unfolding of God's plan and purpose for mankind. Life has its sunbursts even amid the dark trials. No human intelligence can fathom the depths of the eternal God! There are experiences which cause the heavens to be opened so the weary pilgrim may glimpse the rainbow around the throne. There are times when the stars fling trembling vibrations across the skies to light our pathway. Youth is an opportunity for those who walk circumspectly. We are to let our lights shine so others may not go astray. We are to be salty Christians to be able to arrest the corruption around us.

The story is told of a boy, fresh from his mother's teaching and prayer, going to work in a large office. At first he was bewildered by his strange surroundings, then crimson mounted his cheeks and tears brimmed his eyes. A coarse voice asked, "What's the matter with you, do you want to go back to your mother's apron strings?" The boy replied, "No, but we never said such things in my mother's home as you say here." There was laughter at first, then the head man said, "The lad is right and as long as he is here I must ask you to modify your speech." His presence acted as salt.

Because Christ's yoke is so perfectly fitted, our burdens seem light. He offers peace through new responsibilities and rest through voluntary toil for His kingdom. Children often feel the bonds of authority and long for the time they shall be their own master. Jeremiah had to bear the yoke in his youth and doubtless this did much to fit him for a useful and well controlled life afterward. Real freedom comes only through joyous acceptance of Christ's yoke. When one submits to Christ, the yoke will not chafe or gall, but will be a harness easy to wear.

In the web of human existence, faith in God is a citadel of the Spirit. Adversity cannot quench the love God places within a soul. The secret recesses of the inner being must be fortified against the onslaught of evil. We can breast the flood of unbelief so prevalent in this age. Life is sown thick with thorns of trial, yet, the shadows of life are often casements through which we reach new and glorious heights.

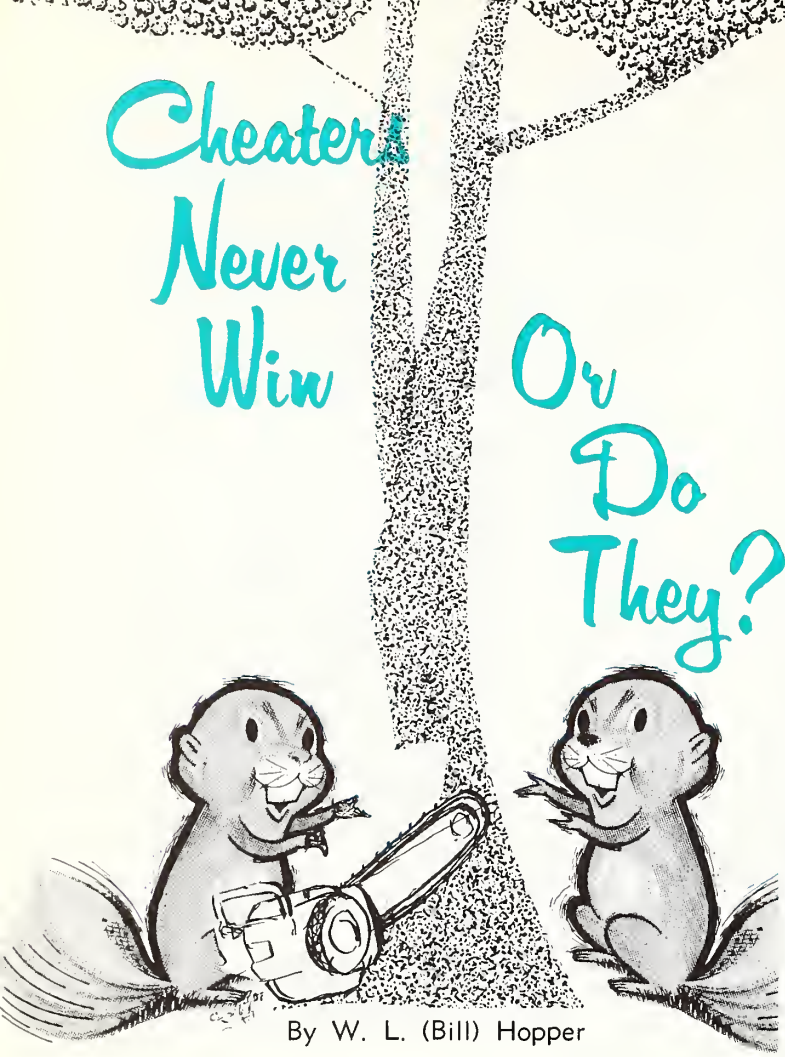
We must stir the embers of celestial light. God gave life a nobler end than the tragic use displayed by the majority. The hazy horizons will hide spiritual values unless we use the eye of faith. As the oak tree thrives by the rude concussion of the storm and owes much of its strength to the tempests which sweep over it, the noble Christian gains in spiritual stature and godliness by the fiery trials he must pass through. The naked arrows of truth must be sharp if the conscience is to be equipped for the strenuous battles ahead. The Spirit of God must be sought and yielded to, as the guide and impulse of all of life's course.

Dare to be like Paul who stood on Mars Hill and delivered his message. Walk with him to Nero's block, and hear his triumphant words of victory. Refuse the king's meat as Daniel of old and do not bow to the idols of this age. Nail your thesis on the door as Luther did. Truth is more powerful than error. John Wesley declared we could have revival when others disbelieved, and the effects of his works are still felt. Too many Christians remain silent, through fear and indolence. When this happens they forfeit the world to atheists and modernists.

To every man God has given a place, a work, a destiny. Your happiness depends on finding your place with God. Life on earth is short and fragile. God measures the uneventful sands of man's life in His hand, and we cannot prolong the time when our number is up. The goal is ahead of us, so strive to attain it.

The vastness of God's power can never be measured, yet He is waiting to be admitted into the humblest heart. He is a refuge, available now. Young people, look upward daily, praying to the Master for strength and fortitude. By His help gird yourselves afresh and march forward toward heaven. Be faithful unto death and you will receive a crown of life. ●

Cheaters Never Win Or Do They?



By W. L. (Bill) Hopper

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL contest was almost over, and it had really been a close one. Judy Carter and Flo Henderson were tied for first place, and Judy was worried. She had just called the Peterson family and invited them, and they had told her that Flo had already asked them to come for her and they had consented. There were five in their family, and Judy just knew that she would never be able to win if they came for Flo.

It was the last Sunday morning of the contest, and Judy had been on the telephone for over an hour inviting everyone she could think of, but so far no one had given her any assurance that they would come.

"Oh Mom," Judy said almost in tears, "what will I do? I've just got to win. If I don't, then all my efforts will be wasted."

"Oh, I don't know about that," answered Mrs. Carter. "Just think of how many new people have visited our church because of your inviting them. After all, it's really not so important who wins so long as we get new people to come to Sunday School."

"Well, it's important to me," said Judy with a toss of her long blond hair. "I don't want Flo Henderson to beat me in anything." With that she went flying up the stairs before her mother could say any more.

It was 9:40 a.m., and almost time for services to begin. Judy was still standing outside the door, wondering what to do. She just had to win! She would just die if she didn't. Suddenly she looked up and saw a large family getting out of their car. It was the Masters family, Mr. and Mrs. Masters and their five children.

Now the contest rules said that every visitor had to be an *invited* visitor, not just someone who dropped in. Looking around her and seeing no one looking, Judy rushed up to Mrs. Masters and asked her if they would stand up for her. Mrs. Masters said, of course they would; so it was settled.

When the superintendent asked who had brought someone, Flo Henderson stood up.

"How many did you bring?" asked Brother Smith.

"I brought five," said Flo proudly.

Everyone began to clap his hands, because he just knew this would make Flo the winner. Just then Judy stood up.

"And how many did you bring?" asked the superintendent.

Judy motioned for the Masters family to stand and said, "Seven."

"Well, well," said Brother Smith. "That changes the picture. You are the winner."

After the applause died down, Judy was called to the front, and received the gift. She took it with a tremendous feeling of guilt. She could not help thinking that, although no one else knew, God knew all about her cheating.

That night when she went to bed, she tried to pray through over it, but could not get rid of that terrible feeling of guilt.

Finally she drifted off into a troubled sleep, and she had the most terrible dream. She thought that she was standing at the gates of heaven and could not get in because someone was standing in front of her. She turned this way and that way, but always there was at least one of them standing in front of her. Suddenly they turned, and she saw who they were. It was the Masters family: Mr. Masters, Mrs. Masters, John, Robert, Glen, Marie and Kathy. They were all smiling at her, and she knew that they were deliberately keeping her back from the gate.

"Oh, please let me in," she cried, but they just kept on smiling and standing in front of her. Suddenly she saw the gates begin to close, and she knew that she would be left outside. She screamed and began to push with all her might.

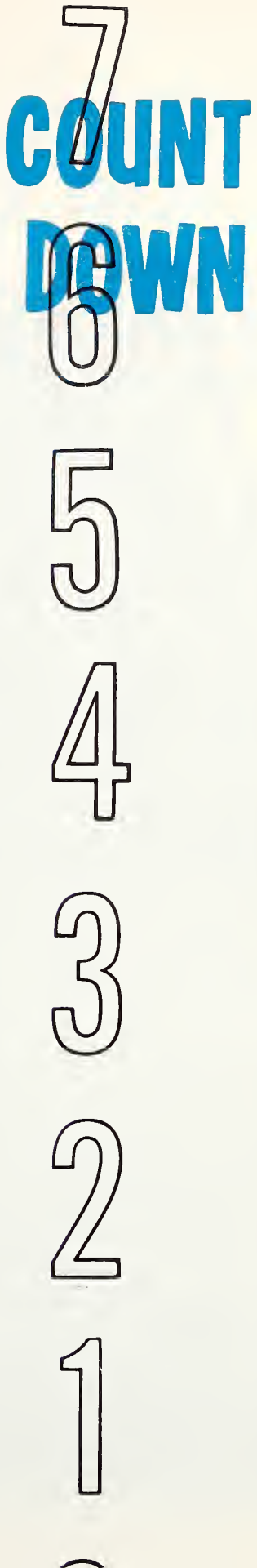
"What's the matter dear?" asked her mother, rushing into her room. "Did you have a night-mare?"

"Oh God," cried Judy, falling on her knees, "Please don't let them stand in the way and keep me out of heaven."

Then she told her mother all about it, how she had cheated by asking the Masters family to stand for her.

"Well, don't worry dear," said her mother. "God will forgive you, and you can tell Brother Smith all about it and make it right. The main thing is just don't ever cheat again, for cheaters never win in the long run." ●

COUNT DOWN



BY LON WOODRUM

IN TIMES MORE tranquil than these if one were to ask a child to count, the youngster would begin, "One, two, three" and count as much as he could. Today, if one asks a boy to count he is likely to select a figure, say, ten or twenty, and start counting backward. For this is the age of the countdown.

Once we counted upward. There was no limit to how high one could count. Before him were hundreds, thousands, millions, billions.

Of course, we were not looking for a big "zero," a loud "bang" when we quit counting. Life in those days just kept going indefinitely. We also knew that we would never run out of figures. But when one counts backward he will hit zero finally.

These are trying days in which we are traveling nowhere. Once at least we traveled toward something. Perhaps it wasn't a great distance. It may have been a twenty- to forty-mile trip, but at any rate the figures kept getting bigger and not smaller!

This psychology of waiting for a cipher is not too easy on our minds. Have you ever looked at what we call civilization and had the feeling you were counting downward, waiting for the big explosion to shatter the earth?

Observe our American economy. We're blowing our dough like a drunk sailor on a furlough. Our United States dollar at first was worth a hundred cents; however, we have been counting toward inflation. Its worth has already passed that of a half dollar and is still going backward.

Examine our politics. Once we wanted *more* people to have a voice in government. Now we want fewer persons to express themselves. Once, actually, we wanted people to govern *themselves*. We had a word for it—democracy. Remember? Now we have less men in a tight bureaucracy at a central point. We strive toward a government that will take care of us from the bassinet to the funeral place. However, such a government would also tell us what we can or cannot do at all times. We cry for the diminishing of totalitarianism. We want the voice of authority one big voice. It seems that too many voices make us nervous. People who take care of themselves have to think, and who wants to do that? We strive for *ONE* in all things, forgetting that the next thing after one, when counting downward and not upward, is nothing.

Look at Christianity. God invaded history through His Son, who did mighty works, died on a cross, conquered the tomb, ascended into heaven pledging He would come again and judge the world. His Word was Truth; it showed us the way of life.

Across all those eschatological sayings of Jesus, across all that shining dream of His reign, some persons would write in tall letters: *NOTHING*. We are on the countdown to zero in religion.

Cipherward, downscale, we move; breathlessly we listen to the ominous voice: "Ten, nine, eight, seven—" We wait for the big flash, the ear-cracking roar, the signal for the explosion into oblivion, and for the climax of a meaningless history. We strain toward nothing. We wait for zero.

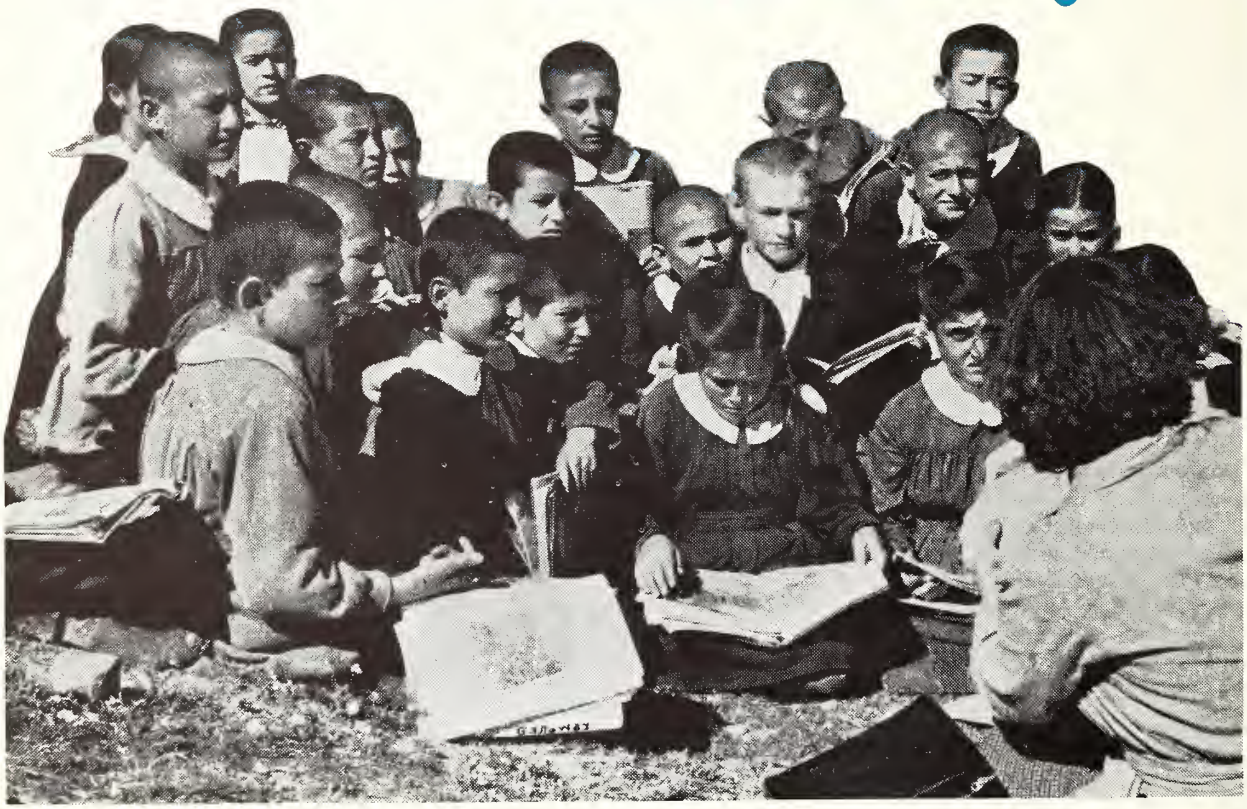
But we speak of man's day, not God's. God's day will be something else. There is no countdown in Scripture. It is true that history, from a Biblical standpoint, moves toward a pre-determined end, but that end is only the beginning!

In Sacred Writ we move on to bigger and greater things, even as the Church began as a mere handful of believers and runs into "a multitude which no man could number." Great things have happened—the Incarnation, the Atonement, the Resurrection, the Ascension, the Spirit outpouring; and there are more things to come—the Second Advent, the resurrection of believers, the Judgment, the glory of the Church. The future with Christ grows wider, not narrower. The trumpet that announces the end is reveille, not taps.

With the gospel we move away from zero, not toward it. There is no countdown in God's Word. There is countup! ●

WIN THE CHILDREN!

By Ruth Crawford

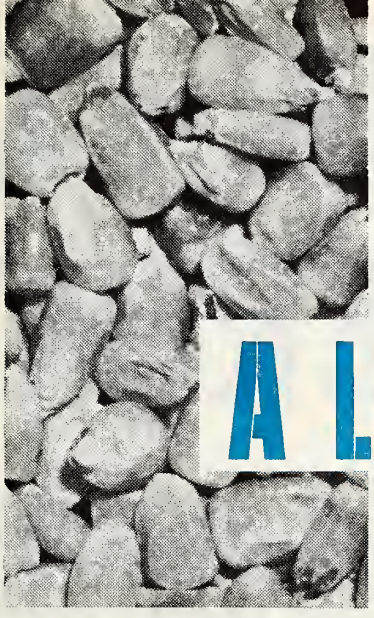


IN BRAZIL VACATION from school doesn't exactly spell vacation for us. But it is an enjoyable three months (December, January, and February), for we're privileged to conduct Daily Vacation Bible Schools in some of the churches that invite us. During this past vacation period, twelve schools were held with 141 accepting the Lord. Some Brazilian girls, who attended last year's youth camp and took a course on the preparation and use of visual aids, helped with the schools.

We have not found here a D.V.B.S. course in Portuguese with workbooks and ready-to-do handwork. We could not afford the expense if we should locate such materials. Heretofore, Wilma Johnson of the North Chattanooga, Tennessee, Church of God has sent us a copy of the books used the previous year in her church. The primary level is best here, so we translate the material, arrange visual aids by diversified means, and plan the course of study. As to handwork, we used seedcraft one year, gluing the seeds to the bottom of a round paper plate, and making a design correlative to the course. Last year the students water-colored a picture of the Good Shepherd which we had mimeographed and then glued the picture to a piece of light cardboard shaped to make the frame. Simpler handwork was prepared for the younger children.

The weeks spent at the various churches are always interesting and full, with classes and visitation in the daytime, and evangelistic services at night. The youngsters delight in showing something they have kept from the past year's D.V.B.S. By the third or fourth day, the children begin dreading the time when we will leave. The responses in the classes are sometimes amusing. For example, one day I told the story of Abraham and Lot, and how their servants quarreled about the pastures. The following day I asked, "Who quarreled in yesterday's lesson?" Immediately several began pointing to two little chaps who had a free-for-all after the school was dismissed the day before, and replied in unison: "They did!" They were an embarrassed pair of youngsters! There were no more fights that week.

We sincerely feel that efforts put forth with children are not wasted. As Billy Sunday said, "The only way on God's earth you will ever solve the problem of reaching the masses is by getting hold of the children. You get boys and girls started right and the devil will hang crepe on the door." We are trying to start the children right here in Brazil. ●



A Story for Children

A LESSON FROM A SEED

By Katherine Bevis

OH, IT JUST can't be!" sobbed Scotty as he ran into her kitchen where Mother was busy preparing lunch.

Scotty gave out another big sob as he let his tears fall freely.

"Why Scotty!" said Mother, "what 'just can't be?' Why such tears?"

"Oh, Mommy," and running to his mother's outstretched arms, he sobbed out, "m-m-mommy, m-m-my garden's d-d-dead!"

"Why Scotty," said Mother, "what do you mean?"

"Look!" said Scotty, trying hard to hold the tears back. "See!" And he held up the remains of one of the seeds from his garden.

One week had gone by since his daddy had helped Scotty plant his garden.

Several times during each day, Scotty would check his garden to see if anything was growing.

Each time he would say, "Nothing is growing in my garden. Why?" And each day his daddy would explain to him that it would be a little while before the growing seed would burst through the good earth to make green shoots.

This morning, however, his daddy was out of town on business, and Scotty could wait no longer. "It's dead, mommy," he sobbed again, letting the shriveled seed drop to the ground.

Stooping beside Scotty, Mother wiped the tears from his eyes, saying, "Now, Scotty, let's look to see if your garden is dead." And picking up the seed from the ground at Scotty's feet, she pulled off the outside covering uncovering something small and white, a tiny growing shoot.

"Scotty," said Mother, "look at this. You thought it was dead, because you couldn't see it growing. This brown, shriveled skin that you see is only the house it lived in. Inside it isn't dead at all. See, Scotty, that tiny white shoot. It has been growing all the time, just like daddy told you, even though you couldn't see it."

"That's funny," said Scotty trying now to force a smile, "and all the time I thought my garden was dead."

"You give your garden just a little more time, Scotty," said Mother. "Soon you will see growing shoots bursting from the ground.

You can watch them as they grow strong and tall, on which the beans can bloom. This is the way God planned it. He has plans for us, you know, dear. Our bodies die like the house in which the little growing shoot lived. But we who have lived inside those bodies go on living in even a better way. That is part of God's great plan for His children. We are not sure how or when, but God has told us it is so."

"God surely does think of lots of good things," said Scotty. "And Mommy, I'm going to wait and watch while God works out His plan for my garden." ●



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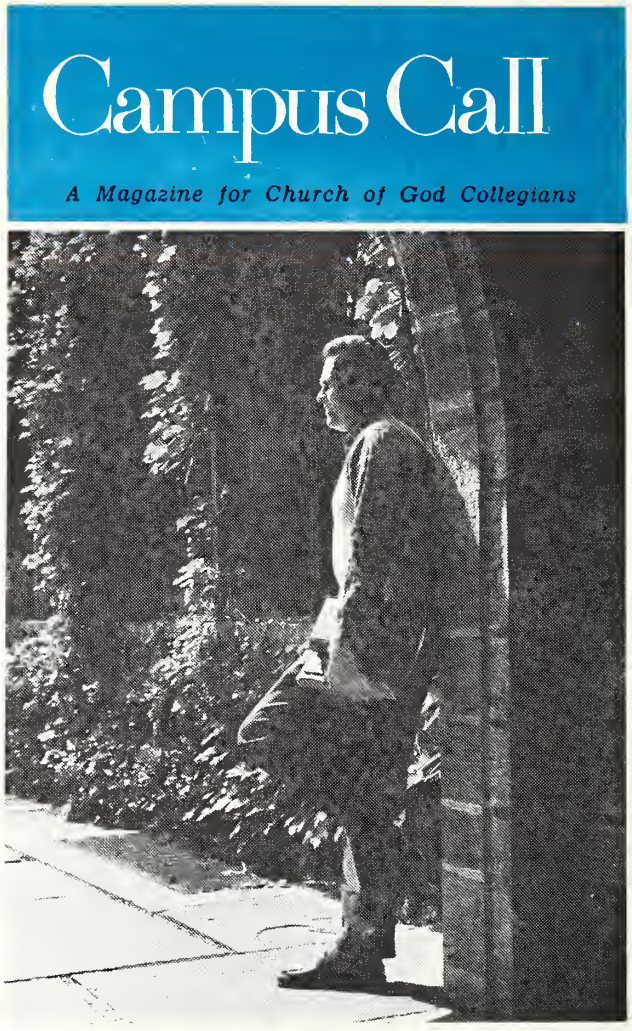
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Strength through crushing

Geneva Carroll

IN MOST CASES when something is crushed or broken, it becomes worthless. However, the Bible recounts instances that brokenness reveals an object to be more worthwhile.

The Psalmist tells us, "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit." In both instances the hammer's work is necessarily implied. Perhaps you may remember the words of Jeremiah 23:29, "Is not my word like as a fire, saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" The breaking to shivers, and beating out are metaphorical expressions; so are the hammer and the rock. What the large hammer struck on a rock by a powerful hand would do, so does the Word of the Lord when struck on the sinner's heart by the power of the Holy Spirit. The broken heart and the contrite spirit are two essential characteristics of true repentance.

When the Midianites oppressed Israel, God used a very novel and unusual means to deliver His people. Each of the three hundred men in Gideon's army took an empty pitcher, a lighted torch and a ram's horn. They marched with their lighted torches hid in the pitchers, to the enemy's camp. When Gideon gave the signal, every man blew his ram's horn as loudly as possible, crushed his pitcher and held his light high. It was the noise of the horns and the breaking of the pitchers that awakened the Midianites. As soon as the enemy saw the lights shining everywhere, they arose and began fighting one another, thinking he was a Hebrew. Thus Gideon and his men won the victory without fighting.

The Prophet Jeremiah tells the men of Judah, "Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns." Fallow ground is either that which, having been once tilled, has remained long uncultivated, or ground slightly ploughed. The prophet admonishes, "Ye have been long uncultivated in righteousness; let true repentance break up your fruitless and hardened hearts; and when the seed of the word of life is sown; take heed that worldly cares do not arise to choke the good seed."

"Bread corn is bruised; because he will not ever be threshing it, nor break it with the wheel of his cart, nor bruise it with his horsemen" Isaiah 28:28. In this passage the prophet is telling how the grain was threshed when it was too tender to be treated by the other methods. God is just as considerate with us and knows the kind of crushing we can stand, and at the same time the kind which will be a blessing to us. The infusion of the life of the Spirit of God into the soul of man is absolutely impossible if a state of brokenness does not exist. Therefore David declares, "A broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise."

When a noted preacher and Christian worker was asked the secret of his service, he said, "There was a day when I died, utterly died to myself, my opinions, preferences, tastes, and will; died to the world, its approval of censure; died to the approval or blame of even my brethren and friends; and since then I have studied only to know myself approved unto God."

It is that same death to which God calls us today. Therein is the secret and strength of holiness. Strength of character, then, comes through brokenness. Remember, Mary's alabaster box would never have yielded the fragrance and sweetness that it did had it remained sealed. When it was broken, the perfume filled the room. It also takes the crushing of the rose to bring forth its sweetest aroma. Likewise crushing is necessary for our lives to become sweet and fragrant. Therefore God in His providential love often permits us to be broken.

Holiness of heart is possible only through crushing. "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." ●



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Overcoming PERSECUTION

BY JAMES E. ADAMS



"WE IN AMERICA do not know what real persecution is!" Bob Newton said, after reading about the persecution in China.

I agreed with my friend that we are not being called upon to seal our testimony with our blood, but on the other hand, persecute means "to pursue in a manner to injure, grieve, or afflict." And this can refer to mental and spiritual pressures as well as to physical harm. In fact, Satan designed persecution not to separate soul and body but to separate the soul from God.

Failure to understand that the real battleground is in the heart of man can cause us to minimize the testings of this present hour. By saying Christians suffer little or no persecution we may weaken the hands of many who are afflicted. Some (our youth especially) who are really overcomers may be deprived of the consciousness that they are bringing joy to the heart of God. The helper, the worker, the person who takes a stand for Christ and lets his light shine does suffer persecution. "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Timothy 3:12).

Communism is a deadly enemy of Christianity, and behind the bamboo curtain particularly, Christians are giving their lives for their faith. But people who afflict Christians in America do not use the same tactics. For instance, some high school students were under threats to dance or be "flunked" in physical education. Those young folk could have succumbed. However, this was a matter they were unable to handle alone, so they told their parents. The parents went to their pastor, and together they faced the teacher and principal. Those students do not dance—neither have they been "flunked"—but we should remember that the battleground primarily was in their hearts, not in their parents' or their pastor's. They suffered persecution, and they overcame!

But Satan uses other means. It has been said that he noted how God caused the enemies of Israel to suffer defeat by becoming confused and fighting among themselves. Satan thought that was a good idea and has been trying ever since to pit one religious belief or opinion against another. In John 5:16, we read that the Jews, worshipers of God, persecuted Jesus. Day after day they buffeted Him with questions and arguments, trying to entangle Him in His words.

Persecution may come from godly friends. In Job 19:22, the old patriarch asked his three friends, "Why do ye persecute me as God, and are not satisfied with my flesh?" Those men would not have called themselves persecutors. They thought they were doing both Job and God a favor! There is a way friends may persecute a fellow believer today; for example, a friend may tell him that God does not expect him to be narrow-minded. The world finds enough fault with Christians without believers making such a statement.

THERE WAS A Frenchman who was despised by the people of Marseilles because of his shabby appearance. No doubt they thought he had plenty of money to buy better clothes. He did, but when he died they were surprised to learn his life's savings had been willed to the city for an aqueduct to supply direly needed water. Then they appreciated the viewpoint of their benefactor. The people of Marseilles made a mistake. If we see a Christian make a consecration we cannot understand, it is best that we not question or ridicule him. God deals with us individually, and what one feels his dedication should include may be quite different from another's.

These are situations our children meet. They need the realization that they are overcoming persecution and are pleasing God. Children in the same home differ greatly. Father may have to lay the rod to one boy, and he will still be defiant. To the other he may only say sorrowfully, "I'm disappointed in you," and the little fellow's heart is broken.

In persecution, what is sore trial to one may not seem to be to another. Hudson Taylor said, "In the easiest positions God must give me His grace, and in the most difficult His grace is sufficient." Be there injuries, griefs, and afflictions great or small in the eyes of men, we have a great company of youthful workers and light-bearers who are overcomers by the grace of God. Let us commend and encourage them in their stand for God and right. ●

STUDY NEXT WEEK'S LESSON NOW

By Jonathan West

WE HEAR considerable criticism of the Sunday School and the ineffiency of many teachers. Some of this is unjust, but some of it is well-founded.

Too many teachers wait to prepare Sunday's lesson until late Saturday night, when they are much too tired and sleepy to do this important job well. Others wait until Sunday morning to do their "preparing" perilously near lesson-teaching time. If, as is often the case, the pupils have not prepared their lesson either, the results are not difficult to imagine.

Experience has shown that people like to have a part in the things with which they are identified. This is true of young people as well as adults. Members of a Sunday School class who are made to feel that they are merely assembled "to be talked at" by an obviously-unprepared teacher are not likely to show a keen interest in the lesson. On the contrary, the teacher who in some manner can make each pupil feel that he is a definite part of the class structure and that his contribution is important and essential to the success of the class, will have an interested group each Lord's Day.

This of course is much easier said than done. Some teachers have accomplished this desired end through assignments. Each pupil is asked to do something specific to help with *next* week's lesson. These assignments, made a week in advance, may have to be written out. Sometimes the teacher can tactfully remind the pupil of his important job during the ensuing week.

This entails some work on the part of the teacher—work which cannot be put off until the last minute. In effect, he has to study two lessons during each week. He prepares to teach next Sunday's lesson and also prepares assignments to hand out *next* Sunday for the Sunday following. "Study next week's lesson, and also the next Sunday's lesson—and do it *now*" becomes his motto.

"But," wails a teacher, "I haven't the time to study one lesson! How can I possibly study two?"

Modern rush makes this a good question but a difficult one to answer properly. Satan, who is thoroughly opposed to consecrated, thorough lesson preparation on the part of any teacher, will help make it more difficult. He does not want God's Word to be made known to children or adults today, as it interferes strongly with his evil plans. So he will magnify, if he can, the work which we now have to do and the lack of time in which to do it . . . the headache which comes when we sit down to study . . . the discouragements which are sure to follow some class sessions!

TRITE AS IT seems, we need to be reminded of the old adage: "You will never find the time to do anything worth doing—you must *make* time for it." Never has this been more true than in the case of Sunday School lesson preparation by busy modern teachers. The most successful teachers have a plan which always works, if they work at it vigorously. It is this:

Set aside one evening a week for lesson and Bible study. Regard this time as sacred. Make an earnest effort to keep anything from interfering with it except the gravest emergencies. Let friends and relatives know about it; probably they will respect the idea in time. If home conditions make this impossible, another place should be found—even the town library. One teacher has arranged to share his pastor's study for this purpose each Thursday evening. Since both are exceedingly busy at the time, they do not interfere with one another in any way.

Teaching a Sunday School class is an honor, privilege, and opportunity to do something for the Lord whom we serve and love. It is a sacred mission, much too sacred to be taken lightly or neglected. But the time to prepare each lesson is well in advance—conscientiously, carefully, thoroughly, prayerfully, with the help of the Holy Spirit who alone can teach us the deeper things of God and His Word.

"Study next week's lesson *now*" is an excellent motto to follow. ●

By Honore Osberg

THE SHADOW OF YOUR LIFE

THE BLISTERING rays of the blazing noonday sun bore down upon Kartar Singh. The Lama of Tsingham had sentenced this Tebetan to death by torture because he professed faith in Christ. He was ruthlessly sewn up in a heavy wet yak skin and thrust out into the merciless heat of the day. The hot sun caused the skin to contract slowly into a painful death trap.

Kartar Singh's agony was almost unbearable, but his spirit was undaunted. As the sun was setting, he asked permission to write a parting message to those he would leave behind. With great suffering he scrawled these words:

"I give to Him who gave to me
My life, my all; His all to be;
My debt to Him, how can I pay,
Though I may live to endless day?
I ask not one, but a thousand lives
For Him and His own sacrifice.
Oh, will I then not gladly die
For Jesus' sake, and ask not why.

The dying heart-cry of this martyr was not without effect. One of the highest officials of the Lama's palace was gripped by mighty conviction as he thought of Kartar Singh's brave stand for Christ. The same night that Kartar Singh went to be with his Saviour, this official confessed Christ.

People are watching your life. "The unconscious influence of any man," says Samuel Zwemer, "is always greater than his conscious influence, whether for good or evil." As Peter walked down the streets of Jerusalem, his shadow brought healing to men and women. Your deeds and words, too, are casting shadows that will influence the lives of others. The things you do and say may cause someone to stumble or may win some soul to Christ.

A famous doctor told of a lecture in which Robert Ingersoll, the infidel, said there was no hell. The Bible was a lie, he told the students of Rush Medical School in Chicago. He also mocked at the idea of eternal retribution. That night great numbers of young medical students went out into the lowest places of vice and sin. If what Ingersoll said was true, if there was no hell and no judgment, then, they reasoned, they could act like animals. The words of that scoffer had made a deep imprint for evil on those young lives.

HORACE BUSHNELL was one of the most popular professors at Yale when a young preacher came to the college for a series of meetings. The preacher poured out his heart, but there was no real conviction of sin among the students. In prayer the Lord showed this preacher that the students were being influenced by Bushnell, the outstanding unbeliever. The preacher went to Bushnell and told him plainly how he might seek Christ. Bushnell realized he was responsible for keeping many students from accepting the Saviour. At home, alone, he paced restlessly up and down his room as the Spirit of God dealt with his heart. Finally he called out, "O God, if there is any God, show me if Jesus Christ is Thy Son, and I will promise to accept Him as my Saviour and confess Him before the world." Soon the glorious light of salvation flooded into the darkness of Horace Bushnell's heart. When he came out on the side of Christ, almost every young man at Yale was converted.

Even your very conversation may be influencing some soul toward God. One day John Bunyan, author of *Pilgrim's Progress,* came upon a group of women who, he thought, were gossiping. His curiosity was aroused by their lively manner of conversation and so he drew near to eavesdrop. He heard them tell of the loving Saviour and the glory of salvation. This occasion was one of the things which influenced John Bunyan to give his heart to Christ.

Many of the Burmese took Christ as their Saviour because of Adoniram Judson's consistent walk with God. This missionary went through great suffering to give the gospel to Burma. On occasion he became greatly burdened to carry the message of salvation to an inland city, but the King refused him permission. "They will never be able to resist your scarred hands," he told Judson. Judson's life was a testimony stronger than any of his words. Before he could speak the Burmese language, he walked up to a Burmese man and clasped him in his arms. This man told afterward that an angel had embraced him. It was this love for souls, shining from his heart and translated into the deeds of daily living, which earned for Judson the title of "Mr. Glory Face."

Paul advised the Philippians: "... be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; holding forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:15, 16).

The shadow of your life is falling upon others to influence them for evil or for good. ●



An Unusual Courtship

By J. E. Adams

DURING THE YEAR 1830 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, Reuben Chambers, a schoolteacher, decided it was time he took to himself a wife. He realized that this was going to be one of his life's most important choices. So he purchased a notebook and wrote down the names of twenty eligible young women. By the process of elimination he hoped to select one with whom he would be happy to spend the rest of his days.

In his own words: "I did not call upon the girls in the evening . . . I called in the daytime when they were at work or should be . . . I could generally make up my mind in one or two visits whether they would suit me or not." He gave them no chance to "put their best foot forward."

Of course some of the young women had other plans which very definitely did not include him! He crossed their names off quickly. Because of home situations, temperament, etc., he decided to strike out others.

Time passed and as names disappeared from the book, he added other eligible ones. Finally, he had written sixty names and had visited every girl but one.

Before we write Reuben Chambers off as a cold, calculating individual, let us note one thing: he didn't have to explain all of this to number sixty. He had written her name in his notebook because he thought she would be suitable. Further visits confirmed this. He loved her, and as he looked into her eyes one evening when she was expecting him and was looking her loveliest, he determined to be honest and sincere—win or lose. He explained how he had chosen her and humbly asked her to be his bride.

Perhaps the young woman was already aware of her suitor's past activities and was tempted to reject him. But she realized that Reuben Chambers would rather she did than accept him without knowing the whole truth. She appreciated his frankness. Here was a man who was stable, yet in a sense unpredictable and interesting. Life with him would not be dull and commonplace. Her heart said, "Yes." She accepted, and after a period of courtship, married him.

WHILE NO ONE would suggest that young folks get notebooks and start writing and crossing off names today, we must admit that this unusual courtship had some commendable aspects.

Reuben Chambers felt that he owed absolute honesty and sincerity to the girl who would cling to him for life. He realized that lovers have no reason to be jealous when they know that neither harbors secrets from the other. And, for instance, married couples do not bicker over finances when they are mutually open and frank about planned expenditures. These causes of contention have brought many marriages to an untimely end.

Perhaps Reuben Chambers' betrothed felt that since he was not afraid to be different and unusual during courtship, he would find occasion to spice the routine of life with variety. Too many young fellows forget all too soon the little expressions of devotion which bring mutual joy.

One man remembered recently that on their wedding anniversary he had a cuckoo clock delivered to his wife. She appreciated his thoughtfulness, but what really brought the sparkle to her eyes was the note he had enclosed: "I will love you till the clock strikes thirteen." One day it actually did, but of course love didn't die.

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). To Reuben Chambers marriage was "till death do us part." So he thought it necessary to adopt unusual means in choosing a woman he would cherish for life. And love does endure when it is founded upon honesty and sincerity, and nurtured by little thoughtful remembrances. ●

I DON'T LIKE DON'TS!



By Wirt Blaine

"Don't frown—smile!"

"Don't be late—plan!"

"Don't forget to straighten up!"

"Don't be sarcastic or critical!"

"Don't forget to pay attention when someone speaks to you."

"Don't interrupt to ask questions that are unimportant or that will be answered anyway—use your head!"

These maxims, penciled on a discarded envelope, were found on a college campus. We don't know whether or not they were original with the one who wrote them down or just why he recorded them. However, they do contain some helpful thoughts.

"Oh, I don't like *don'ts*!" impatiently exclaims a young person. "It's always 'don't do this' and 'don't do that' everywhere I go! Why don't they tell us what to *do*, not what not to do?"

Don'ts have never been popular. Most of us chafe under restraint. We could change the wording of these maxims slightly and turn them into *do's*, but the meaning would remain much the same. The important thing, then, is to put into action such grains of wisdom as they may contain.

Some of these lessons could be applied to spiritual as well as to material things or mental and physical habits.

Frowning—Smiling

Glance into the mirror. (If you're a young man, borrow your sister's.) Now frown—if you can. Now smile. Now do both at once. The result of your voluntary attempts is laughable, isn't it? You can't frown and smile at the same time? Why not? Because our Maker wisely designed our faces to make it impossible. Frowns and smiles don't go together any more than fear and faith can mingle. One or the other is always king. So we could easily cut out this *don't* and make it a *do*: "DO smile—always—instead of frowning."

Planned Punctuality

Since you are always on time getting to Sunday School, church, and other gatherings, sit back and take note of the latecomers. Who are they? Are they the ones most interested in the Lord's work at your church? Are they late because they have a good reason, or because coming to church just doesn't have a priority rating on their Sunday schedule? It is easy to get somewhere on time when we *want* very much to do so.

In the Bible there's a passage which we have always associated with punctuality as well as some other things. It is in Matthew 25: 1-10, the story often known as "The Foolish Virgins." Note that some of those virgins planned and some didn't plan. What happened? Not all of them tasted the wedding cake, did they? No, only the punctual ones. And they were on time

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I Don't Like Don'ts

because they had thoughtfully planned to be there (vv. 4, 7, 10). But for the foolishly tardy ones, "the door was shut."

Straighten up!

Most of us have been told to do it—often. When I was a boy, I felt I was a target for a verbal barrage of "straighten-ups" everywhere I went. Well, that wasn't a "don't," anyway, but I grew tired of hearing the words. Perhaps the student who wrote this maxim felt the need of such admonition. As the Bible expresses it, "Much study is a weariness of the flesh" (Ecclesiastes 12:12). An erect bodily carriage not only adds to one's personal attractiveness but also is beneficial to one's health.

Sometimes our mental processes need this advice also. The Author of the Book knew this. The Holy Spirit guided Paul's pen as he wrote, "Whatsoever things are true, . . . honest, . . . just, . . . pure, . . . lovely, . . . of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, *think on these things*" (Philippians 4:8). Here, then, is our mental "straighten-up" prescription. However, we are not left to do the straightening alone. For "the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall *keep* your hearts and *minds* [thoughts—*r.v.*] through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Sarcastic—Critical

We never intend to be either sarcastic or critical. Neither is popular, and we don't like folks who are that way. We'd be shocked if someone told us we were either sarcastic or habitually critical in our speech. But, amazing as it seems, we *may* be!

Sarcasm and a critical spirit are diseases of mind and spirit. They are contagious and infectious, too. They do not come upon one suddenly, but slowly, painlessly, unnoticed, usually contracted from others already infected. How do our close companions speak? It will be wise to check our speech frequently and impartially—yes, *critically!* (Read these Scriptures: Ephesians 4:29; 5:4; Colossians 3:8-16.)

Attention

There are folks who don't like to pay anything—even their debts. To pay attention usually doesn't cost any money. Anyway, it's only polite to pay attention when someone speaks to us, isn't it? The speaker may not be interesting, but he may say something of value. By paying attention we can often learn something from even the most unpromising sources.

The Bible mentions a need to pay attention to certain things. It doesn't always use the word *attention*—sometimes it is *heed* or *attendance*—but the idea is similar.

"Give attendance to reading . . ." (1 Timothy 4:13) is a form of spiritual attention. Reading the Bible with attentive interest is always beneficial to the reader and honoring to the Author. Listening attentively to the minister or Sunday school teacher is not only good church manners, but it is the best way to remain awake and to learn something of value.

We are also admonished to "attend to know understanding" (Proverbs 4:1), and to "attend upon the Lord without distraction" (1 Corinthians 7:35). Some of the fellows who served in the army soon learned the meaning of the command "Attention!" Our spiritual application should be equally prompt.

Interrupting

None of us do this willfully. It isn't polite and can be rude. But do we ever interrupt God? When He speaks clearly to us through the Spirit, through the Bible, through circumstances—do we interrupt with foolish questioning? Do we subordinate the important things and magnify minor details in our thinking? To interrupt is impolite—whether we interrupt God or man.

DO smile!
DO plan!
DO straighten up!
DO be kind and helpful in speech and manner!
DO pay attention!
DO listen when God speaks! ●

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Sunday School Statistics

TEN HIGHEST CHURCHES IN NUMBER OF PERSONAL VISITS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

"Souls cost soles." Enlist your Sunday School workers in systematic and regular visitation. It is the Biblical method and it is the best way to reach people for Christ and the Sunday School.

NOTE: Every Sunday School should report visits to the State Director.

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	4,160
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	2,000
Bladenboro, North Carolina	961
Lexington (7th Street), Kentucky	900
Laurens, South Carolina	900
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia	775
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	750
Middletown (Oxford), Ohio	639
Sylacauga, Alabama	617
Anderson (Osborne Avenue), South Carolina	596

Young People's Endeavor

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

May, 1963

200 and Over

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	313
Greenville (Tremont), South Carolina	243
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	238
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	236
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee	232
Nicholls, Georgia	200

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Clanton, Alabama	184
Goldsboro, North Carolina	177
Rock Hill, South Carolina	174
Carrboro, North Carolina	169
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania	161
White Cloud, Michigan	158
Lenoir City, Tennessee	156
Williamsburg, Pennsylvania	150

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River Rouge, Michigan	149
Haleyville, Alabama	148
Bristol, Virginia	144
Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio	133
Dayton (Oakridge Drive), Ohio	132
Whitwell, Tennessee	131
Bladenboro, North Carolina	129
Ider, Alabama	128
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama	127
Middlesex, North Carolina	127
Erwin, North Carolina	126
South Lebanon, Ohio	126
East Lumberton, North Carolina	125
Radford, Virginia	125
Crumbleys Chapel, Alabama	122
West Flint, Michigan	122
Lexington, North Carolina	122
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio	122
Poplar, California	120
Sevierville (High Street), Tennessee	119
Wyandotte, Michigan	118
Chattanooga (North), Tennessee	116
Graysville, Tennessee	116
Detroit (Tabernacle), Michigan	115
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Rossville, Georgia	114
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Buhl, Alabama	112
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Marion, South Carolina	100

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Dalton, Georgia	81
Lawrenceville, Georgia	81
Mount Olivet, Gerogia	81
Crisfield, Maryland	81
Dayton (Richard), Ohio	81
Cleveland (North), Tennessee	81
Plainview, Texas	81
Metter, Georgia	80
Thomasville, North Carolina	80
Hamilton (Tabernacle), Ohio	80
Lebanon, Pennsylvania	80
Anderson (Osborne), South Carolina	80
Hiwassee, Tennessee	80
Big Stone Gap, Virginia	80
Adamsville, Alabama	79
Andalusia, Alabama	79
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Washington, North Carolina	79
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Sneedview, Alabama	75
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Augusta (Crawford), Georgia	75
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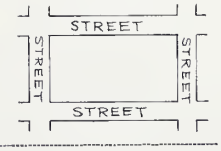
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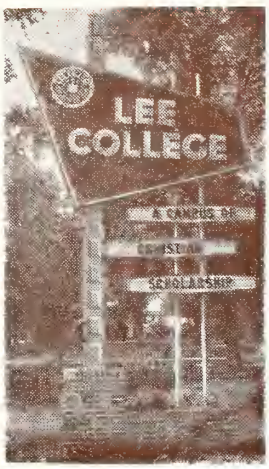
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Lee College Opens

By Duran Palmertree

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Eager Anticipation

There is an air of great anticipation concerning the new term. The new Administration Building, which is being built on the site where Old Main formerly stood, will be occupied in September. This is a beautiful three-story structure housing ultra modern offices.

Record-Breaking Enrollment

The enrollment from all indications will reach a capacity figure. At mid-summer the confirmed applications stood at seventy-eight per cent above the figure for the same time last year. One authority pointed out that if applications continue to arrive at the same rate, some applicants could possibly be turned down because of a lack of living accommodations.

Highly Qualified Faculty

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Lee College, a campus of Christian scholarship, takes giant steps forward confident that with God all things are possible.

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FILLED with the Spirit

In these last days young people ought to be filled with the Spirit. Some people of historic denominations, desiring the fullness of God, are seeking and receiving the blessed Holy Ghost. The youth of the Church of God should do no less.

When, at the turn of the century, the Holy Spirit was received by thousands of people, the historic denominations rejected this new experience with firmness. The attitude of some of the leaders within these denominations toward Pentecostals has changed tremendously during the last ten years. Just a few months ago, for example, the officials of the Assemblies of God and the Protestant Episcopal Church held two conferences with "much of the conversation centered around the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit in the church today," it was later announced.

In San Pedro, California, a Luthern pastor recently spoke with tongues and then wrote of his experience: "The Spirit set me gloriously free in this new dimension, and I prayed in tongues with great rejoicing in the Spirit." A Baptist minister in Houston, Texas, with the conviction that ". . .It was God's plan that His people have a supernatural ministry," sought and received his baptism.

Just as the one hundred and twenty were filled with the Spirit at Pentecost and just as the Church of God has taught for years that tongue-speaking is the initial evidence of the believer's being filled with the Spirit, in just this same fashion God is graciously giving the Holy Ghost to numerous people of other faiths today. Surely the Holy Spirit has never desired to fill only the Pentecostals, for He wants to "be poured out" upon all flesh. He will fill any believer who will receive Him. Age does not matter for both old and young can receive the Spirit.

The pastor of the First Reformed Church, Mount Vernon, New York, received the Holy Spirit not long ago. A minister of the Church of God interviewed this pastor. Listen to what this newly filled believer says: ". . .I went out to. . .camp meeting, which was a Pentecostal meeting, and it was a tremendous experience for me. It was just like being moved back some four thousand years ago to the time when the people of Israel were traveling under the pillar of cloud. The presence of God seemed to be so real among those people, and there was such a love between them and joy on their faces.

". . .I, too, began to tarry. . .I decided to do what they do in heaven—just praise and exalt God. . .suddenly someone else came in and was exalting God through me, and now I was craving Him and worshiping Him with all my being and it was almost involuntary. . . .It was just as if something uncorked within me and a torrent of words poured out in another tongue." Thus this preacher from a sophisticated old denomination received the Holy Ghost.

The Pentecostalists are now known around the world. In some areas they have become the driving force in evangelism. The power to witness after receiving the Spirit, promised by Christ, is being utilized. Finally the Pentecostalists are recognized as being of God. Dr Henry van Dusen stated in a *Life* magazine article, "Many features of this 'New Christianity' bear striking resemblance to the life of the earliest Christian churches as revealed in the New Testament. . . . Peter and Barnabas and Paul might find themselves more at home in a Holiness service or at a Pentecostal Revival than in the formalized and sophisticated worship of other churches, Catholic or Protestant."

One out of every three Protestants in Latin America is a Pentecostalist according to the magazine, *Christianity Today* (July 19, 1963). An article in that periodical states, "In Chile nearly ninety per cent are of Pentecostal persuasion. In many of the large cities of Middle and South America, Pentecostals outnumber other Protestants two to one." The article further states, "In every corner of the hemisphere those that specially stress the Holy Spirit, that re-emphasize Pentecost, or that are newly open to the phenomena of faith-healing and glossolalia are growing in number." So Pentecost marches on. While our youth are in the vanguard of this march, may they be careful to be filled with the Spirit. ●

The Little Things

By Betty Swinford

BRAD MATHESON SAT on a paper on the living room floor scrubbing his gunstock with steel wool. Finishing this rifle had been a real challenge to him, for it was the first time he had ever made one completely by himself. A friend who made and sold gunstocks had given this one to Brad, and he had spent a lot of time on it. He had fiber-glassed the inside of the stock to make the Springfield barrel fit perfectionly into it. He had even added a recoil pad.

Brad lifted the stock for Doris to see. "How's it looking, Honey? I've just one more coat of finishing oil to put on!"

Doris was wearing a gay smile, but her brown eyes were deeply sober. "It's beautiful, Brad! I can almost see my face in the wood!"

Brad admired the grain for a moment. "I took the barrel down to Charlie to have it blued. When I get it finished, this is going to look like a new rifle! It's been good experience for me!"

Brad sighed as he began to rub the steel wool over the stock once more. A gentle, brooding sadness lay heavily upon his heart. He and Doris had surrendered their hearts to Jesus Christ six months ago. It had been hard, giving up old habits, but it seemed that when Brad had been weak, Doris had been strong. When Doris had had her weak moments, Brad's strength had steadied her. They had balanced each other. That is up until now.

Brad lifted his gaze to Doris. He knew she was thinking his thoughts. He laid the gunstock aside.

"I never knew that little things could mount up so," he said at last. "But they do." He rose to his feet and took a turn about the room. "It capped everything when I heard how Fred Williams skinned a fellow on a business deal last week. And to think that Fred's a deacon in the church! He shouldn't even be an usher!"

Doris ran her fingers through her dark hair. "It's funny. I used to hear someone talking about the hypocrites in the church and it didn't really strike *me*! But lately things seem to have gotten out of hand. And Mrs. Kindle," she mused softly, "the minister's wife, of all people! Everyone's talking about the way she's wearing her clothes so tight!"

Brad nodded. "Well, maybe it will help both of us to get away this coming week! I'm hoping for a real trophy this year!" He stooped to kiss the tip of Doris' nose. "And I'd still rather hunt with you than anyone else I know!"

"I thought Mr. Richards was going to say something about hunting with you this year?"

"He did!" Brad's smile was a little grim. "But I told him I was going to hunt with you." He didn't add that Richards was another guy who rubbed him the wrong way. Oh, the man was no doubt spiritually stable, but did he have to get so loud and *emotional* when he prayed?

Doris ruffled Brad's sandy hair. "You flatter me, but right now I'm going to bed!"

Brad critically examined the stock again, rubbing at it here and there. "I'll be along in a few minutes, Doris."

It was on the following Tuesday that Brad and Doris drove into the Graham Mountains and set up their small tent. The days were still pleasant, but there was a bite to the night air which caused them to bring along a portable heater.

While thick darkness still clothed their camp the following morning, Brad rose and dressed. He sipped hot coffee from the thermos, for he did not want even a fire to disturb any deer that might be feeding nearby.

Several does crossed his path during the early morning hours, but it was not until nine-thirty that he saw the first buck. It was a magnificent animal with twelve points, standing on the ridge. Its head was lifted against the blue of the sky—a perfect shot.

BRAD STIFLED THE excitement that went racing through his veins. He pushed the safety aside and took deliberate aim. His finger squeezed the trigger. The buck jumped, sharply alert; but he did not fall. Brad slammed in another shell and fired again. And again! He was right on target, he knew he was! Yet the buck jumped down the ridge and was quickly lost from sight.

He groaned aloud. Slowly he held the rifle at arm's length and studied it. It came to him sharply what the trouble was. He had not sighted it in, and his shells had been falling short. Oh, if he had only consulted someone who knew more about guns than he!

The disappointment nagged at him as he turned his steps back to camp. There was nothing to do except sight his rifle in and hope that his shooting had not scared away all the deer in the area.

"Oh *hallelujah*! Jesus is mine!"

Brad stopped dead in his tracks, while a look of incredulity spread over his face. Of all people, why must he run into Mr. Richards way out here? Moreover, he had a big buck right at his feet!

Brad forced a smile he did not feel. "Well! Fancy meeting you out here!" He gestured toward the dead buck. "No wonder you were singing!"



It was a magnificent animal with twelve points, standing on the ridge . . . a perfect shot.

"Brad! Hello!"

The two men shook hands. Somehow it seemed like the thing to do, even here in the mountains. Mr. Richards was dressing the buck. Carefully he removed and saved the liver.

"I wasn't singing because I got the deer exactly. I was singing because of the privilege I'll have in giving half of this deer to Reverend Kindle and his wife."

Brad cocked his head. "Oh?"

Mr. Richards tied the animal's front legs together. "That's right. Brad, do you know how much salary our pastor gets each week?"

Brad pushed back his red hunting cap and scratched behind one ear. "Guess not. I never thought much about it."

"Neither did I until Fred Williams began probing into the church budget. You know how close Fred is with money." Mr. Richards drew his large frame up straight. "Don't ask me how he manages in this day and age, but Reverend Kindle is getting a very small salary each week!"

Brad gave a low whistle. "You're kidding!"

Mr. Richards shook his graying head. "No wonder Mrs. Kindle doesn't have a coat to wear! And you know, somebody made a remark about her wearing a tight skirt!" He gave a snort of near disgust. "My wife reminded them that Mrs. Kindle's simply at the age when she's putting on a little weight. She just plain does not have the money to buy a new wardrobe!"

A feeling of heaviness was stealing up close around Brad's heart, and it was hard to meet the older man's keen eyes.

"Come on, Richards, I'll give you a hand with that deer."

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"Haven't you seen a buck yet, Brad?"

Brad nodded. "Saw one, but I'm shooting low. I've got to take time out to raise my sights."

"We all need to do that once in a while. I know *I* do!" He slowed his stride to match Brad's. "I was reminded of that last week when I heard someone talking about the hypocrites in the church. But, you know, Brad, in a way we're all hypocrites. At least we're all very imperfect, and it's our very imperfections that make us meet together in church where we can seek God and let Him help us to lead better Christian lives."

Camp was in sight and Brad could smell the lingering aroma of fresh coffee on the fire. He was both glad and sorry that Mr. Richards took time to have a cup with them before loading his deer into his pickup and returning home.

When Brad and Doris were finally alone and the friendly darkness was closing about them, they sat before the fire and Brad told her what Mr. Richards had said. Doris did not answer but she looked thoughtful.

Sighing, Brad picked up his rifle. "Look at it, Honey," he said. "Isn't it beautiful? Think of the time—the hours—I spent on the little things: the sling, the recoil pad, the blue job, the fiber glass; but I left out the thing that really mattered! The sight." He sat for a time in silence. Finally, he spoke: "I think that is our trouble, Doris. We have been seeing only the little things in church that we thought were wrong, while the important things were slipping right through our fingers!"

He studied the dancing flames in Doris' brown eyes. "Oh, Brad, I really think you're right!"

"I think so too! I think we need to raise our spiritual sights and be thankful that we are in a church where the blood of Jesus Christ is preached. He looked at Doris. Tears were in her eyes, yet she was smiling. "And we'll be thankful for dear old Mr. Richards! He's a real Christian or he wouldn't have been singing a hymn away out here where he thought only himself and God would hear!" ●



BY NORMAND J. THOMPSON

THEN SHALL THE kingdom of Satan be likened to a grain of tobacco seed. Though exceedingly small, the seed, being cast into the ground, did grow and became a great plant. It did spread green leaves rank and broad, so that flea beetles and horn worms and leaf miners formed their habitations thereon.

And it came to pass, that the sons of men looked upon these lush and vile-smelling and worm-eaten leaves, and thought them beautiful to behold, and much to be desired to make lads look big and manly.

So they put forth their hands and plucked the leaves of *Nicotiana,* and did chew thereof. Many it made deathly sick. It came to pass, furthermore, that those who chewed became weak and unmanly and did confess, "We are enslaved by this habit. We cannot cease from chewing tobacco."

The mouths and teeth of those who were enslaved by plug, twist and fine-cut tobaccos became foul smelling and dirty. And the slaves were seized with a violent spitting; and they did spit, even in ladies' parlors, and in the house of the Lord of Hosts. And the saints of the Most High were greatly plagued thereby.

And in the course of time, it came to pass that the sons of men also snuffed this deadly weed. These were suddenly taken with fits of mighty sneezing, insomuch that their eyes filled with tears, and they did look exceedingly foolish.

Others preferred to smoke their tobacco in pipes fashioned from clay and corncobs, and Algerian and Italian briar.

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Yet other men cunningly wrought tobacco leaves into little rolls. These rolls they called cheroots, cigars, and cigarettes. They set fire to one end of these rolls, and did suck them from the other. And the smoke of their torment ascended up forever and ever.

Thus the cultivation of *Nicotiana* flourished and became a mighty business throughout the land. The merchantmen waves eloquent with fancy claims for their brands of poison. With tongue in cheek, they did aver with much singing and slogans that their cigarettes were kind to the throat, that they were "just right," that their king size rolls were fit for kings, that they did treat the taste kindly, and that their filter tips safeguarded one's health.

Yea, in one year the tobacco trust did expend the goodly sum of one hundred and fifty million dollars to advertise the deadly weed shaped into little white rolls. And they did rejoice to see four hundred and ninety billion cigarettes going up in smoke from January to December.

But never did they mention that medical experts said that the smoking of cigarettes is "the principal causative factor in the alarming increase in lung cancer cases."

Neither did they mention that smokers suffer from throat ailments, coughing, loss of appetite, shortness of breath, abdominal pains, chronic stomach distress, and migraine headaches. Neither did they ever mention that smokers may finally suffer from asthma and a damaged heart. Neither did they mention that the American Heart Association issued a solemn warning about smoking's relationship to coronary heart disease, noting that death rates from heart attacks in middle-aged men are from fifty to one hundred and fifty per cent higher among heavy cigarette smokers than among non-smokers.

Sad to say, it came to pass that even some saints of the Most High did defile themselves with *Nicotiana*. And the poor, even those who could not buy bread nor shoes for their little ones, spent their welfare money for the vile weed.

And the Lord was greatly displeased with the tobacco traffickers and the smokers of the deadly weed. He asked, "Wherefore this waste, and why do your little ones lack bread and shoes? Turn now your fields into corn and wheat, and put this evil *Nicotiana* far from you, and be separate, and I will bless you, and cause my face to shine upon you."

But all with one accord answered, "Not so, Lord. We are slaves to *Nicotiana*. With our lips we caress it more than we do our family. We worship at its shrine with burnt offerings constantly. We pay out more money for it than we pay to the church and all charities combined."

"This I truly know," said the Lord. "But defile not yourselves with this deadly weed any more. Ask of me, and I will make you free indeed."

But the smokers, lighting up their smokes even in the presence of God, answered, "Nay, Lord, we worship *Nicotiana*. We cannot cease from chewing and snuffing and puffing."●



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MISSIONARY ORIENTATION:

IT WAS TUESDAY of the first week in June and the end of the dry season in Northwestern Mexico. The land, parched and ruggedly beautiful, lay quietly beneath the burning sun. Nothing seemed to move in this desolate land save the few trucks and our lone car that slowly traversed the rough gravel road that proceeded eastward from Hermosillo.

Behind us the dust rose in boiling billows obliterating the way we had come, and seemingly leaving only the road ahead open to us. For nearly five hours my heavily-loaded Ford Fairlane had crawled over the hot desert stretches and toiled through the dry mountain wasteland of this part of Sonora, carrying its cargo of five passengers with luggage and equipment. We were the first group to enter Mexico as a part of a new program begun at West Coast Bible College during the 1962-63 term—a missionary orientation program.

The individuals that comprised this particular group came from diverse backgrounds; yet they had much in common in the work they were doing or in the work for which they were preparing. Since the trip was being conducted under the auspices of the West Coast Bible College and sponsored by friends of the college, as director of the missionary orientation program, I was acting as leader for the group. With me were Larry Bonds and Frank Williams, W. C. B. C. graduates of 1963, who had accepted the mission call and who had satisfactorily completed the requirements of the missionary orientation training program.

Also in the party was the Reverend Bill E. Watson, overseer of the Church of God work in northern and interior Brazil, who had traveled in this area ten years earlier and was thereby able to serve effectively as a guide, interpreter, and mission counselor. The fifth member of our party was Brother Ricardo Barragan, a student at the Church of God Bible School in Hermosillo, who had joined our group as a special interpreter and musician when we had passed through that city the day before.

As we pushed slowly toward Sahuaripa, our destination, I wondered what experiences lay ahead of us and how effective this part of our first missionary orientation program would prove to be. It was in every respect a new venture for the school, but one in which the Lord had been unmistakably leading.

A detailed study of missionary motives and aims, the mission call, missionary qualifications and missionary preparation had been developed and presented through a number of seminar sessions. These training sessions had been formally completed by the students' writing of an original paper concerning the justification of the missionary ministry from the Christian point of view. Finally, this trip into the interior of Mexico had been planned as the culmination of the program for the graduating college seniors participating. Here the young candidates would receive their first real missionary experience through observation and actual participation. These experiences would serve to give purpose, understanding and direction to the young people as they continued their education in preparation for full-time service.

At about 3:30 p.m. we entered a typical desert valley with a twisting ribbon of green trees tracing for miles the course of a now dry river bed. A few minutes later we



The Missionory Orientotion group with Brother ond Sister Portugol. Left to Right: Larry Bonds, Rev. Bill E. Wotson, Rev. Portugol, Sis. Portugol, Fronk Willioms, ond Rev. Dovid Bishop.



A view of the village of El Volle.

A NEW PROGRAM AT WEST COAST BIBLE COLLEGE

By David S. Bishop

dropped over the edge of the lowland mesa and found ourselves almost immediately in the country city of Sahuaripa.

A short while later we met our host for the week, Reverend Alejandro Portugal, Sr. For many years I had heard of the dedicated labors and missionary vision of this Mexican brother. Having made his acquaintance in Obregon, Mexico, February of 1963, I had eagerly looked forward to becoming better acquainted with him on this trip.

BROTHER PORTUGAL has a handicap which would prove an insurmountable obstacle to most people. He is totally blind. This handicap, however, does not deter him in his work. He oversees the work throughout the entire Sahuaripa Valley and the surrounding mountain areas. Although he is sixty-five years of age, he visits on horseback the churches under his supervision and is constantly seeking an opportunity to preach the gospel in some new community. Brother Antonino Bonilla, overseer of Sonora and Baja, California, had said concerning Brother Portugal: "It will be a great blessing for you to see the marvelous vision of this blind man." After being with him for just one week, we found this statement to be true in every respect.

During our stay in the Sahuaripa Valley we visited the churches of Sahuaripa, Arivechi, El Valle, Guisamopa, and Santo Tomas. Since it was impossible to travel by car to all of these places, we also traveled by mail truck and horseback. The latter was an especially interesting experience which had about it the essence of missionary experience of which one often hears. In each of the communities we visited we found a dedicated group of believers. This fact in itself stands as a memorial to the effective pioneering ministry of Brother Portugal.

Each day at least a couple of hours were spent in visiting in the homes of members and friends of the Church. This phase of the mission ministry was a most profitable part of our days' activities for through it valuable insights as to the living conditions, family structures, and visitation procedures were gained which would have been difficult to obtain otherwise.

Also, the young men from West Coast Bible College who participated in this year's missionary orientation program gained insights and understandings which could have been gained in no other way. For the rest of us, the experience was a choice one, a blessed challenge which shall develop in each of us, I am sure, a greater appreciation for the program of worldwide missions and a greater burden for the global spreading of the gospel of Jesus Christ. ●



The Reverend David S. Bishop, author of this article, is a native of South Dakota. After taking degrees at Lee College and Birmingham Southern College, he taught public school in Alabama. Later he was employed as an instructor at the Church of God's West Coast Bible College. He is now superintendent of that institution.

A Pictoral Account of a Five-State

CAMP MEETING TOUR

By Clyne W. Buxton, Editor







ALABAMA

In this picture the state director, assisted by a member of his state board, presents two awards during Youth Day. Right: Shown with his wife is the Reverend Cecil Guiles, State Sunday School and Youth Director.



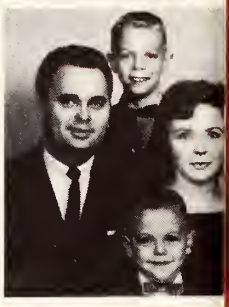


SOUTH CAROLINA

Left to right: Carl Richardson, evening speaker; D. A. Biggs, State Overseer; R. Leonard Carroll, Bible teacher; Thomas Grassano, State Sunday School and Youth Director; and Cecil B. Knight, Youth Day speaker. Insert: The Reverend and Mrs. Thomas Grassano.

GEORGIA

Pictured above is Lt. Governor Peter Zack Geer of Georgia, who spoke during Youth Day. He stated, "Our greatest danger lies not in the threat of hydrogen bombs . . . but in the destruction of our minds and spirits . . ." Shown at right with his wife and family is the Reverend Wallace Swilley, Jr., State Sunday School and Youth Director.





TENNESSEE

At right with his wife is the Reverend Leonard S. Townley, State Sunday School and Youth Director. On Youth Day the panel below discussed pertinent youth problems.





NORTH CAROLINA

Shown here is the youth choir. The smaller photograph shows the state director, the Reverend Robert J. Hart, and his family.



"Wine is a mocker,
strong drink is raging:
and whosoever is deceived thereby
is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).



HAROLD LAMBERT

The Deceiver

BY JAMES E. ADAMS

IN THE MIDST of a litter of gin bottles in her expensive Hollywood home lay a woman who appeared to be about sixty years of age. She was dead.

But appearances were deceiving: the woman was not sixty but thirty-seven. She was the once-beautiful daughter of a wealthy Pittsburgh industrial family. Drink had robbed her of her beauty and had brought her to an ignominious and untimely end.

In Alexandria, Virginia, a father looked amazedly at his son crumpled on the floor of their home. The man had had a pint of gin and several bottles of beer. In a drunken stupor he had pulled the trigger of his shotgun and blasted life from his seventeen-year-old boy. He was deceived. Now he says, "I had no reason to shoot him. I know I did it. Why?"

A man in Philadelphia thought he would "take a little nip" before he started on his rounds in the school bus. He thought no one would know because he would not drink enough to get drunk. But he was deceived. Thousands and thousands of people know he took those drinks because he drove the bus into a tree. Nine children were injured.

So it goes on and on. Man can expect nothing but heartache if he persists in drinking. The Bible states, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1).

But before liquor deceived any man, he deceived himself. Eve heeded the serpent, and she and Adam disobeyed God. They expected to escape judgment somehow, but they were deceived. For judgment came. Since that day, the greatest deceiver has been within the breast of men. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

Before anyone can be deceived by liquor, smoking, and other kinds of sin, he has already allowed his heart to deceive him into thinking he can get along without the Lord and His great salvation.

"Be ye reconciled to God . . . behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Corinthians 5:20; 6:2). That is the Word of God and it is true. Are you saved? Or are you deceiving yourself? ●

1964 Youth World Evangelism Appeal Project: MANILA, PHILLIPINES

WE DON'T HAVE A CHURCH



"You ought to see the hunger the people have for the Word."



Missionaries to the Philippines—The Reverend and Mrs. Lovell R. Cary with daughters Sharon Lea and Karen Sue. ". . . looking at a city of 3 million souls. . . ."

ABOUT 500 MILES off the Southeast coast of Asia stretches the Philippine chain of approximately 7,083 islands. Situated on the west coast of the large island of Luzon, rests Manila, the capital.

Three million people work, play, eat, sleep, and worship in Manila. A constant influx of Filipinos from the bush country increasingly adds to the rapid growth of the city's already massive population.

Manila is cosmopolitan with a large segment of the population being Chinese. A modern city influenced greatly by U. S. occupation, Manila is an educational center boasting many schools and colleges. The city is both consequential and beautiful, getting its name from the Tagalog word "Manilad" (place where there are many *nilads*—a flowering shrub with many white blossoms).

It is estimated that ninety-one out of each one hundred of Manila's inhabitants are either Roman or Independent Catholic. Four percent are Islam, two percent are pagan, two percent are Protestant, one percent is of various sects.

Frank Parado was the first Church of God representative to the Philippines. Arriving there in 1947, he remained eighteen months. F. R. Cortez was then appointed to supervise the work and held that position until the coming of James

By Norman D. Jones
Editorial Assistant
National Sunday School and
Youth Department

B. Reesor in the spring of 1956, who was replaced by Lovell R. Cary in the fall of 1958.

Under the supervision of Brother Cary, the faithful and aggressive Filipino workers deserve much credit for the splendid growth of the church. The Church of God in the Philippine Republic now reports seventy churches, one hundred and seventeen ministers, 5,337 members and adherents, and two Bible schools. *But,* there is no Church of God in Manila, the capital city!

With a burning desire for a church in Manila, Superintendent Lovell R. Cary wrote in one of his recent letters:

"The opportunity to open a work here has never been better than at the present time. It is my firm belief that we could have a Sunday school attendance over the one hundred mark the first Sunday if we were to open a new building. No where in Asia can visible results be as good. If you could see the hunger the people have for the Word, you would be as thrilled as I am.

"My family and I are willing to remain one or two years longer than our five-year term if we can be assured of getting to build a church in Manila. Postponing our return to the States does not bother us, but looking at a city of three million souls and realizing that the Church of God has no work there to help them does disturb us. Many Filipinos ask me where our church is in Manila, but I always have to answer, 'We don't have a church.' Many of these people would come, if we only had a place for them. God has allowed me to meet many influential Filipinos who would come to our church if we had one."

Since writing the above letter, Brother Cary has made a survey and knows of well over one hundred persons who have migrated to Manila and who want to attend a Church of God. There are also excellent possibilities for a school as well as a church. ●



Fifty thousand people each day pass these lots on which the church hopes to build. At least 300,000 live within a half-mile radius.



"No where in Asia can visable results be so good."



The architect's drawing of the church you can help build in Manila.

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National Sunday School and Youth Department Announces



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By DONALD S. AULTMAN, Assistant Natio



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REVIVAL CAN BE defined as a restoration of vigorous activity which brings new life. This is exactly the purpose of the Fall Sunday School Revival. The National Sunday School and Youth Department has designed this campaign to give workers across America a new awareness of the value of their Sunday School to the church. It is also expected that this revival will place in the Sunday School a new consciousness that there are untouched multitudes in our church communities who must be reached with the gospel.

The theme of this Sunday School campaign is based upon the words of Christ in Luke 14:15-24 where He gives the parable of the Great Supper. In answer to those who insist that the necessary invitations to this feast have already been sent out, the faithful servant replies, "yet there is room." This parallels the typical Church of God Sunday School today. Although visitation has been carried out, prospects have been contacted, absentees have been called, and new people have been invited, the fact remains—"yet there is room."

This Sunday School revival will last for three months and is presented in three distinct phases with a theme for each month.

ROOM"

EPTEMBER — Make Ready

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MBER — Go . . . Urge

SEPTEMBER—Make Ready

In September the plan is to prepare for Sunday School revival. Preparation for revival always precedes the experiencing of revival. Before Israel received revival, the voice of the prophet was heard. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me" (Malachi 3:1). "The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God" (Isaiah 40:3). If we are to experience revival, we must prepare the way of the Lord. What will this preparation include? It will include preparing the men and the mechanics. If either of these is not functioning properly, the revival in the Sunday School will be hindered. The men can only be prepared through prayer and the mechanics can only be prepared through planning and work. You can breathe new life into your Sunday School if you will use September to prepare. When properly prepared, we can say with the lord of the great feast in Luke 14:17, "Come; for all things are now ready."

OCTOBER—Go Quickly

". . . Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city" (Luke 14:21).

In October you will go quickly to those closest contacts and prospects. These will include families of present members, friends of present members, and prospects who have attended your church or live in the immediate vicinity of your church.

NOVEMBER—Go . . . Urge

"And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled" (Luke 14:23).

November is the month to go . . . urge. The emphasis this month will be on the revisitation of those already contacted and on the contacting of new families in the community. On any given Sunday less than one fourth of the population in America is in Sunday School. This means that there is a ripe harvest field near every church. During this revival, we ought to heed the words of Christ in John 4:35, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Your Sunday School must not be viewed as simply a man-made organization with its major interest and emphases on counting heads and keeping statistics. Your Sunday School must rather be viewed as a live organism ordained of God in this twentieth century to teach His Words to the multitudes. Since Sunday School is a spiritual institution, it must be dependent upon more than mechanics to make it effective. This is why we, in the National Sunday School and Youth Department, are praying earnestly for a Sunday School revival during this fall emphasis. ●

CAMPUS CALL

Defend My FAITH?

By Charles Paul Conn

WE OF THE Pentecostal persuasion are often called upon to defend our faith. This is natural, for many of our patterns of worship, standards of behavior, and even basic doctrines vary considerably from those of other Protestant groups.

These differences inevitably create a misunderstanding of the Pentecostal experience by those not adhering to its principles of holiness. Non-Pentecostals, even if they have a factual knowledge of our doctrines, are seldom able to grasp the spirit of our faith and therefore cannot understand the reasons for our methods of worship and concepts of holy living. Consequently, members of nominal churches often unconsciously exert pressures upon Pentecostals to conform to standards of living not compatible with this underlying spirit of Pentecost. Resisting such pressures is not easy, and to combat them successfully, one must, of necessity, know what he believes and why he believes it.

There are many reasons for a firm belief in the tenets of our faith. Real Christianity is an unusual religion, and very rarely do we find our belief in Pentecost accepted matter-of-factly by our friends. Eventually, most of them want to know *why* we believe as we do. Since our belief is not understood, it must be explained.

This explanation is often difficult, for the reasons supporting our convictions are many times sidestepped by current Biblical interpretation. The fact is that there *are* no simple answers to many of the questions asked us. Today's scientific, empirically-orientated world wants an explanation in terms of practical, proven logic, with a visible cause for every effect and a utilitarian reason for every practice. But Pentecost cannot always be explained in the unfeeling light of reason and proof; for logic, valuable though it is, somehow cannot capture the elusive spirit of Pentecost. One of the pitfalls of the Pentecostal life lies in this perpetual attempt at logical explanation. When called upon to give answers for his belief, a young person, finding that he cannot logically explain what he believes, almost invariably begins to doubt. This doubt, constantly increasing, sometimes replaces faith in God, and the person loses the convictions he once had.

But we must not attempt to discover the ultimate truth of God and His will for man through human reason and logic alone. The revelation of God's will cannot be expressed in the limited adequacy of scientific formulae or philosophical analogy. Divine concepts cannot always be explained in finite terms, but these truths, even if unpopular, are nevertheless the things that must guide our lives. There are several aspects of my Pentecostal belief which I cannot explain in terms of reason, but this lack springs from the limitations of the mortal mind—certainly not from a contradiction in God's revelation of His will.

I cannot yet provide all the answers that skeptics demand, or defend Pentecost skillfully on every point, but still there is something within me that gives unfaltering assurance that I serve the One True God in the only true way. ●

Charles Paul Conn graduated from Bradley High School in Cleveland, Tenn., leaving behind him a remarkable academic and extra-curricular record.

Paul scored extremely high in four national college entrance exams.

His high school activities included: Editor-in-chief, The Trumpeter, school newspaper; president, National Honor Society; president, Future Teachers of America; member, Student Council 3 years, and delegate, Tennessee Boys' State (editor of newspaper there). In sports Paul earned a varsity letter for tennis while capturing two city championships and one state semi-final competition.

Paul's awards and achievements were not a few, for they included: "Who's Who in High Schools in America"; finalist, National Merit Scholarship awards; winner, National Honor Society scholarship; Winner, National English Award; Winner, "Most Outstanding English Student at Bradley"; East Tennessee Champion, Public Speaking; and State High School Runner-up in public speaking.

Because of his high school achievements, Paul has received unrestricted scholarship aid in the amount of $1,500. One college has offered him a full four-year scholarship, while two other schools promised at least one-half the cost of four years. These latter offers Paul has declined, preferring rather to attend Lee, his denomination's leading college.



What Do You Mean To Do?

By Esther Miller Payler

ADMIRAL David Glasgow Farragut, Commander of the United States Navy at the Battles of New Orleans and Mobile Bay during the Civil War, was the son of a naval commander. He told this story: "When I was a boy I was with my father on board a man-of-war. I was proud of some qualities that I thought would make a man of me. I could swear like an old salt, could drink as stiff a glass of grog as if I had doubled Cape Horn, and could smoke like a locomotive. I was great at cards and fond of gaming in any shape. At the close of dinner one day, Father turned everybody out of the cabin, locked the door, and said: 'David, what do you mean to be?'

" 'I mean to follow the sea.'

" 'Follow the sea! Yes, to be a poor, miserable drunken sailor before the mast who is kicked and cuffed about the world and left to die in some fever hospital in a foreign land. No, David, no boy ever trod the quarter deck with such principles as you have and such habits as you exhibit. You'll have to change your whole course of life if you ever become a man.'

"My father left me and went on deck. I was stunned by the rebuke and was ashamed. A poor, miserable drunken sailor before the mast who is kicked and cuffed about the world and left to die in some fever hospital far from home. This is to be my fate thought I. I'll change my life at once. I'll never utter another oath, never drink another drop of liquor, and never gamble! I have kept these three vows ever since. Shortly after I had made them I became a Christian. That act was the turning point in my destiny."

Perhaps it is wise to stop and think often and ask ourselves the question which Farragut's father asked him, and in the answering, the direction of his life was changed, and he became a Christian."

A philosopher once wrote: "What I am to be, I am now becoming." Today's decisions and acts determine what you intend to be. ●



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ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO PLAY CHURCH

By Evelyn Witter

THE IDEA OF playing church is by no means a new one. The benefits of such play, however, are new to each generation.

The following suggestions may help you encourage your children to spend their Sunday afternoons in character-building play.

1. To add importance to playing church have a regular and fixed time. Treat it like any other important engagement.

2. The fact that there is only one child in your family does not rule out playing church. Dolls can be brought to church, neighbor children invited to attend, and even chairs can be converted into imaginary people.

3. Never permit the realness of the occasion to be questioned. Do not laugh at any mistakes the children make in speech or actions, regardless of how foreign to church conduct they may be. As long as they are expressing religious thought they are accomplishing a good purpose.

4. It is wise, also, to let the children use the most pleasant room in the house for playing church. It adds to the enjoyment.

5. For more realism in play, suggest or even help with a worship center, with church accessories like a Bible, something resembling a pulpit, candles, religious pictures to represent church windows, a collection plate, and plants or flowers.

6. Open the church service with singing. Select several simple devotional hymns and have all the children learn the tunes. Teach a verse of each song to any child who cannot read.

7. At some time during the service let some child offer a brief prayer. It may be a sentence prayer of a child's own composing, a group praying the Lord's Prayer, or some brief selection from the Bible.

8. When a child is willing, have him preach the sermon in his own way. To start the children thinking about a sermon, suggest the text or lead a discussion which will help the children select their own text.

9. See to it that the service is not too long. Children tire easily, for their interest span is much shorter than some of us realize. Effectiveness and pleasure usually end simultaneously.

10. Encourage the children to take up a collection of their own money, with the understanding that his money is to be contributed the following Sunday to church or Sunday School. This is good training in tithing.

11. A fun period of driving home can end the play. ●



HAROLD LAMBERT

A SACK OF PAPERS and A MATCH

A Story for Children

BY MARY ALICE HOLDEN

TOMMY WATCHED THE smoke rise from the old coal shed. He had escaped just in time. He and his sister Caroline were playing with matches when they found a bag of old papers. It would be fun to light them, he thought. Mother meant to burn them. Now they would do it for her.

They hadn't known that the fire would light the dry wood of the building. Tommy had the matches in his pocket. He had taken them from Mother's box of kitchen matches on the top shelf of the cupboard. Mother had purposely placed them there out of Tommy's reach, but by opening the doors he could climb up the shelves as easy as a squirrel climbs a tree. Before Mother came back in the kitchen the matches were in his pocket.

Mother had looked at him rather funny and laughed, "No cookies this time!" But he hadn't even thought about cookies. Matches were fun to play with.

He lit a match on the floor of the old shed. When the flame sprang up, Caroline added some tissue paper from the sack. It lit immediately. Tommy shoved the burning tissue in the sack and soon the whole sack was burning.

Then something happened. Some old paper on the wall caught fire. As the flames leaped higher, the coal shed began burning. He pulled Caroline outside. What should they do? They couldn't tell Mother. She had told them she would spank them if she caught them playing with matches again. Besides the fire might go out right away.

But the fire didn't go out! A neighbor saw the smoke and called the fire department.

Mother came running when she heard the fire whistle. Here was the fire in her own back yard.

It all happened quickly. Tommy and Caroline ran as far away as they could. They got to the swing beside the house, but their yard was too small to get far away.

"Oh, what happened," Mother cried. She looked at Caroline and Tommy but she didn't say anything.

The firemen were already connecting the hose. A big spurt of water soon put the fire out.

"That was lucky," one of the firemen said.

But the walls of the shed were burned. A big box of clothes for relief was burned, too. And their tricycles had the tires burned off.

"Tommy and Caroline," Mother said finally and gathered them in her arms. They were both shaking and glad for Mother's presence.

The fire chief looked around. There on the floor were some matches where the water had kept them from burning.

"Here they are, little folks," he said, looking at the children. Pointing to the burned ruins he exclaimed, "This is what comes from playing with matches."

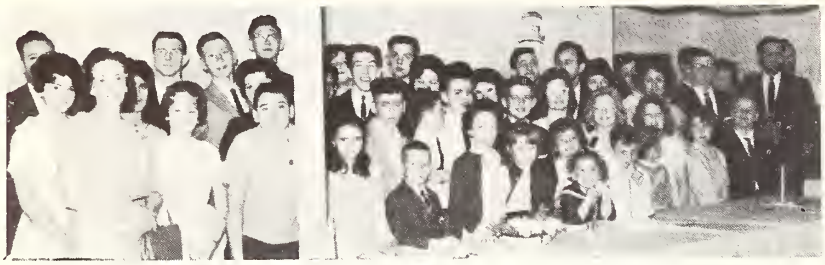
Tommy and Caroline were crying now, and the fire chief didn't say any more.

"Oh, no, oh, no," Tommy whimpered. "I won't do it again."

Caroline couldn't say anything at all, but the fire chief seemed to know she had learned her lesson. ●



YOUTH IN ACTION



KENOSHA, WISCONSIN YOUTH

The young people of the Kenosha, Wisconsin, Church of God enjoyed an entire week of activities in observance of National Youth Week. The events were planned for spiritual and recreational enjoyment. One of the highlights was a delightful banquet prepared by the parents of these teen-agers. During a worship service many young people either accepted Christ or made a new dedication to the Lord.

On June 12, 1963, during a revival conducted by Richard Ussery, a young evangelist from Lee College, a local Pioneers for Christ Club was organized with fourteen charter members. Since organizing this club, six more young people have joined. Fifteen of these young men and women received the Holy Ghost during this revival; therefore, the enthusiasm is high. Franklin A. Weaver, the pastor, is teaching classes on soul-winning and other related activities. Arrangements are being made for services at a convalescent home, tract brigades, and other needy areas. These young people have fully dedicated themselves and have a great determination to work for the Lord.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE!

Freda La Rue Welch of Shawnee, Oklahoma, was born November 9, 1952. She has attended Sunday School every Sunday for ten years either at the Shawnee or the Johnson Church of God without missing a Sunday.

David Beatty,
State Youth Director



STATE-WIDE YOUTH DAY

Oklahoma has conducted its first state-wide Youth Day which was held at the campground in Chandler on May 11, 1963. There were between 325 and 350 persons in attendance and the day was an outstanding success.

We started the program with congregational singing and testimony time. After this, the young people divided into various classes for lecture periods. Afterwards we gathered back to the tabernacle and the Reverend O. D. Robertson, member of the state youth board in Texas, preached a challenging address on, "Youth's Responsibility to the Church." In the afternoon we had a recreation period and following this a singspiration. In the closing service the Reverend Charles Sustar, Youth Director of Kansas, preached and the Lord moved in a glorious way. The altar was filled with young people seeking the Lord. There were at least nine saved, eleven sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost.

God is really moving among our young people here. There are several P.F.C. Clubs being organized throughout the state.

—David Beatty, State Youth Director

FLORIDA SENIOR YOUTH CAMP

FOUR HUNDRED and fifty-three campers from all over the State of Florida converged on the campground to enjoy a week of Christian fellowship, spiritual guidance and physical activities which go to make up youth camp.

The campers' daytime activities were varied. After being aroused from his sleep, each young outdoorsman helped clean his cabin and area, get ready for breakfast and participated in private devotions. The studying of such topics as music, youth problems and the Bible will benefit our help in the Kingdom. Mid-morning chapel was always a highlight of any day's activities, because we enjoyed the singing, praise services and Scripture reading. The afternoons were usually filled with recreation and fellowship when we engaged in swimming, Ping - pong, shuffleboard, volleyball, horseshoe pitching and softball. Many new friends were made during this friendly competition.

The physical participation was not all that created such an enjoyable week of camping, for the spiritual element was expected and joyously welcomed. During the very first night's service, the Holy Spirit convicted the hearts of young people resulting in several being saved, sanctified and baptized in the Holy Spirit. We saw two good religious movies, with *The Tony Fontane Story* being the memorable one. The peak of the camp was the baptismal service on Friday morning conducted by the Reverend Lindsey Craft and the Reverend Marvin Johnson.

On Friday night Sam Hall of Pompano Beach and Betty Curry of Bartow were crowned Mr. and Miss Youth Camp, bringing to a close another successful youth camp.

—Mrs. Virginia Liggett,
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PAIN BEGAN JUST outside the Garden of Eden. Nursing as a profession is a relatively new approach to pain. The first school of nursing in the United States was opened in 1873. Today there are 430,000 registered nurses with an estimated 70,000 more needed to fill current demands.

In the past twenty-five years hospital admissions have doubled. The shortening of the patients' stays from an average of sixteen to an average of eight days demands more intensive nursing practices. Hospitalization insurance and higher standards of living have also made hospitals crowded. Present trends indicate a continued increase in the future—all of which calls for more trained nurses to meet the needs. Very little chance exists for an oversupply of nurses.

The profession of nursing is specialized like most other professions. The nurse can work with children, in obstetrics, in surgery, in therapy, in psychiatry, or in administration and teaching. This list is far from exhausting the choices open to today's nurses. Nor does the individual nurse need stay in one hospital. She can move to the area she desires, even overseas. The United States government has many hospitals on foreign soil. Elementary schools need nurses and often hire the married woman who can devote the afternoon hours to checking school pupils. Doctors' offices utilize thousands of nurses. High on the list is the call to be a missionary nurse.

Nursing makes its appeal to the Christian because the Christian has an inward reason to help others—the love of Jesus Christ. In following the example and commands of the Saviour, Christians have gone throughout the world with a loving healing ministry. In fact, some countries will not allow a general or evangelistic missionary to enter but will welcome a nurse and are pleading for more. The Christian gospel is a compelling force among those who have already chosen nursing as a career.

Costs of training vary considerably. Tuitions vary from one hospital to another. About ninety per cent of today's nurses get their training through hospitals and become an R.N. (Registered Nurse), after passing the state nurses' licensing board's examination. The remaining ten per cent go through a college or university and receive a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. These persons usually get the higher paying jobs.

The average nurse's salary is $4,000 per year, but this is not a limit. Promotions, because nurses often change jobs or leave the profession to become nursemaids at home, can be rapid. Administrative nurses often are paid $10,000 to $12,000 yearly.

To see if you qualify for nursing ask yourself a few questions: Am I trustworthy? A patient's life might depend upon my carrying out a doctor's orders. Do I look for new responsibilities? Nurses must volunteer to be helpful. Do I like to study? An alert mind is a necessity. Do I have a sense of humor? A cheerful word or a smile might turn heartbreak into calm or recovery. Am I tolerant? I must serve people regardless of color or creed. Am I discreet? Patients trust nurses; therefore one must never betray this confidence. Your personal physical, mental and emotional health and maturity must register positive.

As a Christian nurse you will have many opportunities for personal witnessing. You are meeting most people at a tender point in life. With a little wisdom, and not too much eagerness to make a fast convert, you will be able to point many to the Great Physician who not only can heal the body, but who specializes in the healing of the sin sickness of the soul.

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National Sunday School and Youth Director

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Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 494
Griffin, Georgia 464
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Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina 411
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Total Monthly Attendance for June

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 5,726
East Gadsden, Alabama 1,105
East Lumberton, North Carolina 1,046
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina 804
Lynch, Kentucky 730
Radnor, West Virginia 619
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia 524
Vaucluse, South Carolina 523
Landis, North Carolina 424
Decatur, Alabama 387

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia 50
South Carolina 20
Michigan 19
Alabama 18
Georgia 18
California 18
Ohio 16
Pennsylvania 16
Oklahoma 15
North Carolina 14

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Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1962 61
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Middletown (Clayton), Ohio 202
Winchester, Kentucky 200
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 200

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Clanton, Alabama 170
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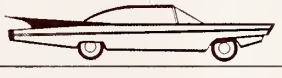
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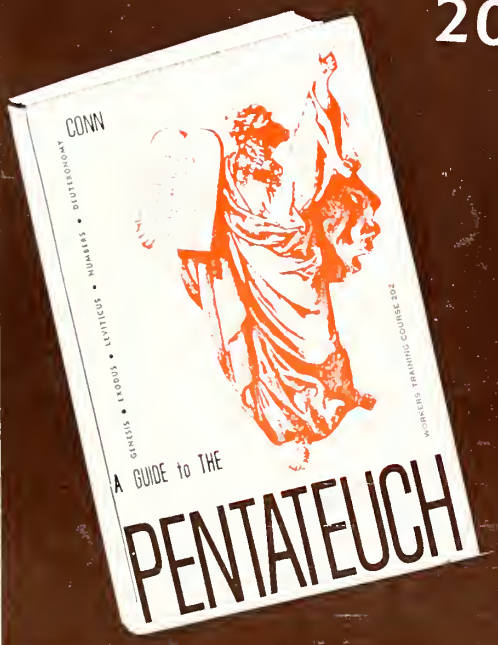
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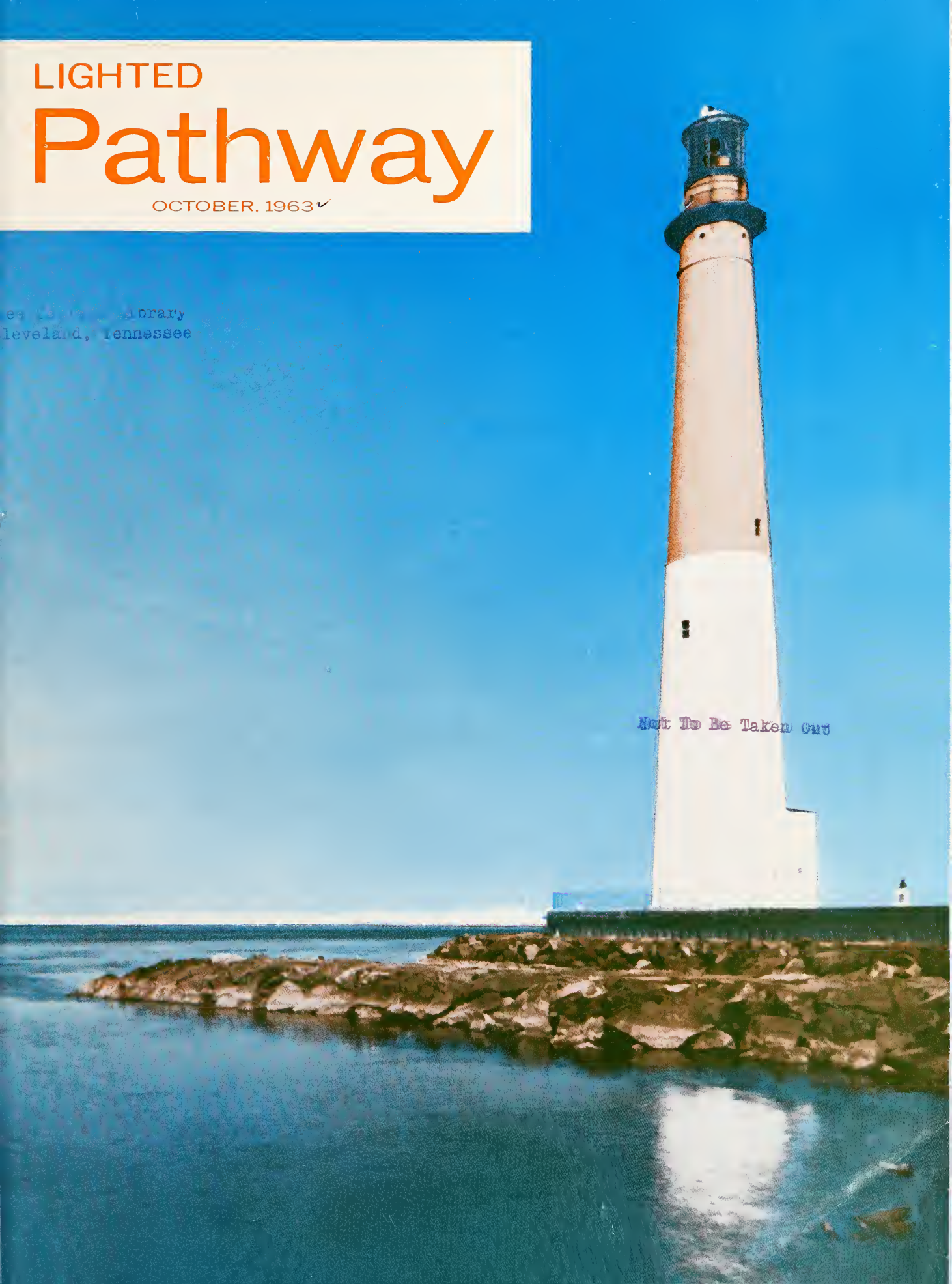
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The Rapture

MOTHER WAS SWEEPING leaves in the backyard of our old farmhome with a brush-broom made from gallberry bushes. I, a child of about eight years, looked on. Looming in the southeast was a portentous thunderhead and a continual rumbling in that direction held our rapt attention.

Being a God-fearing, Bible-believing woman, Mother was cognizant of the Holy Scriptures' teaching of the second coming of Christ. Desiring to teach my young mind a pungent lesson concerning this colossal event, she said, "Christ is coming soon, and He is coming in a cloud—like that one looming there." The towering cloud reddened by the setting sun, and the low yet constant noise in the cloud's direction held my keen and uneasy attention. My boyish mind, frightened by the cloud and the ominous rumbling, was set at ease, however, when the lonesome wail of a train revealed that the noise was coming from it. Ever since that exciting childhood experience, I have known that Christ is to return.

The imminent descent of Christ is being preached everywhere, for the spiritual perceptiveness of ministers senses the proximity of His coming. Dr. Billy Graham stated recently that there is a forebodying in the world, an apprehension of a catastrophic event. That event, he says, will be the return of Christ. This coming of Jesus, which we call the Rapture, will be secret, for the Record states: "Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame" (Revelation 16:15).

This momentous event, anticipated since the ascension of Christ, could happen any time. The followers of Jesus throughout the world passionately cherish the blessed hope of His soon coming. The godlessness and widespread evil of this day give testimony to the immediacy of the Rapture, for these are evil days, as evil as those of Noah before the Deluge. Jesus said His return would transpire during such days (Luke 17:26).

The Bible is most graphic in informing us how the Rapture will take place. Saint Paul writes: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18).

Why the Rapture? Christ has His reasons! He will whisk away His believers from this debauched, sin-soaked world and will take them to a sinless heaven; He will change them from limited, inconsequental mortals to glorious immortals. Furthermore, Jesus will take His redeemed ones from the earth so that the Tribulation in all its fury can break loose. During those horrifying days men who rejected Christ will go through unprecedented hardships and sufferings. Little wonder Jesus said, "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36).

I ask you are you ready for the Rapture? The Bible instructs me to comfort men with the truth that the Rapture is at hand. However, voicing this truth comforts only those who are ready for His coming. The requisite for going to heaven is that your heart belong to Christ. You may repent of your sins and be converted at this moment. If your sins are covered by Christ, you will go with Him when He comes. May we stay ready for the imminent return of the Lord Jesus Christ. ●

Clyne W. Buxton

on GRATITUDE

BY KATHERINE BEVIS



SAINT AMBROSE said: "Anyone possessed of his five wits should blush with shame if he does not begin the day with a psalm, since the tiniest birds open and close the day with sweet songs of devotion."

Whether we know it or not, praise is prayer!

Webster defines praise as meaning "to excel, to glorify, to express approval, to commend, laudation to Deity." And the psalmist tells us to, "Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever" (Psalm 106:1).

There is not a more pleasing frame of mind than that of being grateful! It is accompanied with so much inward satisfaction that the performance of the duty is sufficiently rewarded. It is not like the practice of many other virtues—difficult and painful—but is attended with so much pleasure that were there no positive command enjoined with it, nor any recompense laid up for it hereafter, a generous mind would indulge it for the natural gratification it affords.

If gratitude is due from man to man, how much more it is needful from man to God, the giver of all good gifts. Our heavenly Father does not confer upon us only those bounties which proceed immediately from His hand. He is the giver even of those benefits which are conveyed to us by others.

Have you ever stopped to think that every blessing we enjoy, by whatsoever means it may be placed upon us, is the gift of Him who is the Father of mercies.

And if gratitude, when exerted toward one another, produces such a pleasing sensation in the mind of a grateful man, it exalts the soul into rapture when it is employed on this greatest of all uses—the giving of GRATITUDE TO GOD. He has given us everything that we already possess, and He is the one from whom we expect everything that we desire.

What a wonderful world this is and He has filled it with good gifts for every man. He gives us all the material needs of life, but we must not make the mistake of putting too much emphasis upon them. We must seek Him first, and then all other things will be added. He gives us everything that we need, for He knows our need before we even ask.

Let us reach forth with our mind, our body and our soul, trusting Him for every need of life, for it is the Father's good pleasure to supply these needs. However, let us have gratitude in our hearts to Him who is the giver of all.

May we remember that in all and through all we have His love and His care—a treasure which exceeds any material gain. May we live with a heart of gratitude for all the blessings He gives to us. ●

By ENOLA CHAMBERLIN



WITHOUT WORDS

WHEN I WAS very young my family was camping out one night on the desert. No earth lights gleamed anywhere. Our campfire alone pushed back the darkness a little. The stars, brilliant, beautiful, utterly wonderful, possessed me completely.

"Are the stars the lights of the cities of God?" I asked softly.

"What an idea," my overly-practical mother said flatly.

My brother, two and one half years older than I, who was just beginning to learn from books, turned a somersault in the sand. Giggling, he sat upright and said, "Are you going to be stupid all your life?"

By this time my eyes were so full of tears I couldn't see the stars. My heart was so broken that I had lost the lovely feel of them I possessed a moment before. And then out of the dark came my father's long-fingered, precious hand and found mine. Tenderly, reassuringly, his clasp tightened. He let up a bit, tightened again, this time hard. He did not say a word, did not even look at me. But comfort, understanding reassurance flowed from his hand to my heart and I was healed.

This incident has stayed with me all of my life and has grown in importance as I have grown in understanding. It is a wonderful example of how much assurance one person can generate in another person without saying a word. In this case anything my father could have said would only have intensified the discordant situation. Words, even from him, would have hurt me, instead of helping me. Yet he had to let me know he understood and sympathized. He did it perfectly by the simple clasping of my hand.

Ever so often it seems we find ourselves in the position my father was in that night. Disappointments, heartaches come to our friends and loved ones. We must let them know we understand, but far too many of us try to do it with words. We fumble around, vainly hunting for the right word. Then we find ourselves talking, even to cover our embarrassment. Finally the one we have come to cheer is feeling sorry for us.

How much better had we simply clasped a hand, letting the grieving one know we were with him in God. He would have known then how we felt and would not have had to listen to our rush of words, would not have had to try to answer them when there was no answer.

There was once a little girl who was wise with the wisdom of Solomon. She went to call on a neighbor whose little boy had gone away to boarding school. When she came home she told her mother she had comforted Johnny's mother.

"What did you say?" her mother asked.

"I didn't say anything," the wise one said. "She was sitting crying so I just crawled up in her lap and cried with her."

Maybe that will make you smile. So it is meant. But the next time someone goes away, perhaps far away, think of it when you have to comfort his loved ones who are left behind. ●

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BY CLIFFORD THOMAS

GLEN CUNNINGHAM, the athlete, was perhaps the greatest runner of the mile in his day. However, as a boy, his legs were severely injured in a fire. It was popularly believed that he would be crippled for life. With determination and courage and by his faith in God and himself he overcame his fear of being permanently handicapped.

In the Christian life, sometimes an opportunity to perform an important service is neglected because of fear of failure, forgetting that God provides the strength and wisdom to be successful. The antidote to this attitude is FAITH. Without it, life is meaningless and a displeasure to God because lack of faith is tantamount to denying the truth of His promises. Every day, in innumerable ways everyone banishes fear and exercises faith without realizing it. When boarding a train for a long journey, we have faith in the engineer and the crew to bring the passengers safely to their destination. A child has implicit faith in his parents that they will care for him properly. If this kind of faith dominated the spiritual life of an individual through daily devotions, he would never become weak and would avoid many pitfalls.

At first, Moses suffered from lack of faith when called upon to lead the children of Israel out of bondage. When God assured him of His guidance at all times, his fears vanished, and he became the great leader who brought the Israelites to the Promised Land.

Lack of faith should not be confused with spiritual inertia. It is much easier to go one mile than two; yet Christ implied this second mile was most important in manifesting true faith in Christian service. A little prayerful meditation and self-examination will disclose this truth and thus avoid the error of allowing the weakness of the flesh to overcome the promptings of the spirit.

Faith in God through Jesus Christ is the rock on which to build a foundation of successful Christian living. It helps banish all fear and enables one to approach every task with confidence. Every challenge will be met with the joy of participation in God's work and will thus help the believer to grow in spiritual grace and strength. ●

So You Want To PREACH

By PAUL H. WALKER

A great responsibility is placed upon the young man who enters the ministry today. As we scan the sacred pages of God's Word, we find Paul's instruction to Timothy, his beloved son in the Lord. The Apostle admonishes the young preacher: "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure" (I Timothy 5:22).

This fifth chapter deals with the work of a good minister of Jesus Christ. It tells about honoring the widows; however, in verse seventeen, Paul deals with the eldership and states that the elder "that rules well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine." He advises Timothy not to receive accusation against an elder except when in the presence of two or three witnesses. He further adds: "Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." Then Paul in verse twenty one charges Timothy before God, before the Lord Jesus Christ, and before the elect angels, to observe the things that the apostle has committed to him without showing partiality to anyone. Paul then made the statement that so many quote without fully understanding its meaning: "Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure."

The Syriac translation states, "Lay not the hand hastily on any man and participate not in the sins of others: keep thyself pure." This actually means that we are not to lay hands on anyone for ordination, thereby conferring upon them the duties and responsibilities of and ordained minister, unless they are seasoned and qualified for the position to which they are being ordained. Moreover, if we are hasty in our action and lay hands suddenly on immature, untried persons thereby conferring upon them the responsibilities that ordination carries, we then become responsible for their actions. In other words, if I ordain a man to the rank of the ministry it means that he has my full endorsement. If he falters, then those who have accepted him on the strength of the fact that the authorized officials of the church have ordained him, they immediately question why we would ordain a man who has proved himself unfit for the position to which he has been ordained. Thus those who have laid hands upon him actually become a partaker of this man's sins.

There is no higher order for one's life than that of carrying the gospel; therefore, the requirements and qualifications should be stringent. The applicant should be fully cognizant that he has a burden for the lost and is willing to stand at his post of duty and not allow the wolf to destroy his sheep. Thus, if we strive for masteries or positions we should strive lawfully and let our faithfulness, our work, and our accomplishments determine our eligibility. A minister must keep himself pure. To be pure means to be clean, unmixed, plain, free from extraneous matter, not mixed with anything that is of a different or inferior contaminating kind. Note that Paul indicates that one should have pure hands and a pure heart, free and guiltless. Paul stated, "I am pure from the blood of all men." (Acts 20:26). Extraneous matter means something that is without form, outside, not belonging or proper to a thing.

The signs of eligibilty leading to positions of leadership in the ministry vary. He is to be a believer in Christ; in spiritual relationship, a child of God; a saint, in character; a light, in influence; a friend, in communion; a soldier, in conflict; a pilgrim, in experience; and an heir, in expectation.

The greater our growth in influence because of our relationship to others, the greater will be our responsibilities.

Souls of men are at stake and the laxity in our conduct could easily topple them over the brink of despair, despondency, and eternal loss. So the crux of the whole matter rests with us and God in keeping ourself pure because eternity is too long, life is too short, heaven is too real and hell is too terrible for us to compromise with the sinister subversive elements of our day.

"Eternity wears no gray hairs. The flowers fade, the heart withers, man grows old and dies, the world lies down in the sepulchre of ages, but time writes no wrinkles on the brow of eternity." We are building for eternity, "Keep thyself pure." ●



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How To Find Those Lost IDEAS



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DR. V. RAYMOND EDMAN, Wheaton College president, was speaking at a conference for Christian writers. "I wonder how many great ideas have been lost," he said, "because they were never written down."

God moved holy men of old to write down the Scriptures, the bedrock upon which all other Christian writing rests. He moved Martin Luther to write down the ninety five Theses. He moved the Puritans to record doctrine, Brother Lawrence and John Owen and Amy Carmichael to write down devotion, Schaff and Conn to write history.

All the while, men were preaching, but that was not enough. A voice might stir men to act; writing kept the preacher from forgetting what God wanted him to say. A voice could be silenced by a tyrant's sword; clay tablet, scroll, papyrus, the typeset page: these were more durable than sword or tyrant.

How many voices were raised in sixteenth century pulpits against papal corruptions we do not know, but we do know that it was those writings of Luther, nailed to the church door and circulated throughout Europe, that kindled the Reformation. Once written, ideas resist being pushed into a corner and forgotten.

God still moves men to write.

The periodical you are reading at this moment is an attempt to convey that divine movement. Modern manufacturing and distribution techniques thrust these pages from an editor's desk across a city, a prairie, a mountain, an ocean, soon to be read by people throughout the world.

But there's another side to it.

I wonder how many great ideas have been lost, even though written, because people didn't read them! How many homes are without Christian reading matter? How many children, even in Christian homes, grow up in an environment that includes *Life, Newsweek, McCall's,* the *Post,* but are without Christian periodical, such as the *Lighted Pathway*?

An editor who's worth his salt isn't satisfied with a circulation of fifty thousand if one hundred thousand people might be reading his magazine. But how can he gain those added readers?

That's where you come in. If the *Lighted Pathway* is helpful to you and your family, if it gives you fresh ideas and information and enthusiasm for spiritual matters, then you ought to be working on your friends to subscribe. You ought to be giving subscriptions on birthdays, wedding days, other special days. You ought to be trying to get your church sold on a "Christian periodical in every home" campaign. So get on the phone, write some letters, visit some friends and communicate to them your enthusiasm for this periodical.

In the past, Christian writing has outlasted the tyrant's sword. Today it may prevent such a sword from being forged. ●

The HOLY GHOST in Youth

By W. C. BYRD

I wish to discuss with you two things concerning the Holy Ghost.

I. THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE THIS EXPERIENCE

The young people who are of the world cannot receive the Baptism (John 14:17). No person, regardless of whose son or daughter he or she is, can have this Baptism if they are not spiritually ready to be inhabited by the Holy Ghost. Jesus taught a great truth when He said, "Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved" (Matthew 9:17).

In those days they used animal skins to make containers for liquids. If new wine was put into old bottles and the pressure increased in them, they would stretch and burst. The spiritual lesson is that if you want to be filled with new wine or the mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost, then you must become changed and meet the conditions before you are spiritually fitted for the indwelling. Thank God, there are many young believers meeting the condition and pressing through to the fulfillment of this promise.

II. THIS BAPTISM WAS A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR DISCIPLES

It was not so much that the Holy Ghost had never worked with the disciples before, for He had. The time would soon be when they would give over to Him a fuller space in their lives than ever before. You will not get more of Him until He can get more of you. Many young people only make room for Him in certain parts of their temples.

The experiences I had when I was courting my wife are similar to receiving the Baptism. When I would go over to her house I was only welcome in the guest room. There were certain places that I did not feel welcome in the house. I was not welcome in the kitchen or bedrooms. Then came the day of the wedding. It was then that I felt perfectly free to sit in the kitchen. I felt welcome to any and all parts of the house. You see, I was a member of the family. I had all the liberty in the home I wanted.

Now, to me the greatest and most profound truth in all the Bible is that God's Spirit wants to abide in parents and in their children. I know that I should want to make Him my dwelling place, but that God would want to abide in me through the person of the Holy Ghost is indeed wonderful.

This was the essence of the Tabernacle in the Old Testament. Moses was upon the mountain with the Lord. God spoke to him about building the Tabernacle. Its exact dimensions, kind of materials, and the pattern for everything were revealed to him. Immediately after the last stitch had been taken and the last stake driven, the Spirit filled the Tabernacle. At night the children of Israel would look anxiously from their tents and Moses would say, "Go to sleep, for I see the pillar of fire and the enemy cannot find us tonight." In the morning, I can see them rub their eyes and stretch their arms and then stir with rapid strides for a cloud is moving and on they travel toward their home.

But our God wanted to come closer. Jesus came and dined with them. He was Emmanuel—God with us. But our God wants to come yet closer: He wants to enter our hearts and lives. He wants your body to be His temple. Will you not meet the condition? When you are ready, He will be IN YOU. ●



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By MONNA GAY

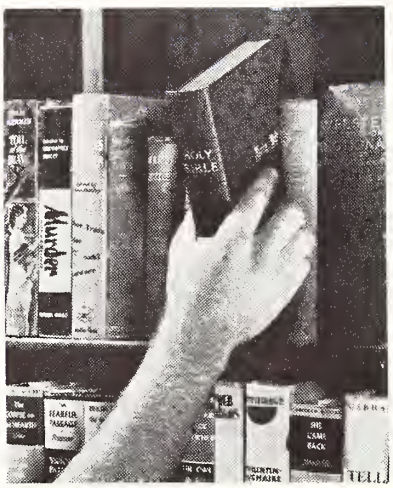
A Living BOOK

THE HEAD BOOKKEEPER in a publishing firm in one of the large cities held a book in his hand tenderly. He had just applied glue to its pages, and turning to one of his assistants, said: "What a fine book this is going to be! The paper is of extra good quality and the cover will be attractive."

"You take a great interest in the books you make. sir," said the assistant.

"Yes," replied the bookbinder, "I like everything about books except the reading matter."

You may think that such a statement is strange, but is it? How many professing Christians are interested in the fine Morocco binding, and the quality of paper in their Bible, yet are not interested in its reading matter?



Our Bible is to be read, to be studied, and to put it in a common well-known phrase—to be digested.

Digestion is what we do with what we eat. Ranking next to the weather and taxes, we talk most about diets, we count calories, and steer away from sweets and starches, but we need to turn away from our "calorie" book, and think of our spiritual vitamins. For what we digest from the Bible makes us inwardly the kind of person we are. We need to read and to digest that Book which will give us eternal life.

A skeptic in London recently said, in speaking of the Bible, that it was quite impossible in these days to believe in any book whose authority is unknown.

A Christian asked him if the compiler of the multiplication table was known.

"No," the skeptic answered.

"Then of course, you do not believe in it?"

"Oh, but I do," said the skeptic, "because it works so well."

"So does the Bible," was the rejoinder, and the skeptic had no answer.

One day as Sir Walter Scott was drawing near to what he called the "last awakening," he was wheeled in his chair to the window in the library of his home. From this window he could look down upon the River Tweed.

As he sat gazing down at the quiet flowing river, he called to his son-in-law, Lockhart, "Would you read to me, please?"

"From which book would you like me to read?" asked Lockhart.

"From which BOOK!" exclaimed Sir Walter, "There is but ONE!"

The Bible has been given to us for spiritual instruction, moral guidance, and for the nurture of the soul. It is the Book of life; the Book of good news which reveals to mankind that God is our Father and that Christ is our elder Brother. The Bible meets every need of life, comfort for the sorrowing, hope for the discouraged, light for those in darkness, guidance for those who have gone astray, an invitation for the prodigal to return, and for the faithful an eternal home in heaven.

The Bible is the authoritative Word for all matters of faith and practice, and because the Bible is what it is—A living book—it is the foremost means of growth in Christian living.

"A book lives as long as it is unfathomed," some one has sentiously observed. "Such a book is our Bible, having depths which we have not yet plumbed."

May we yield our mind and heart to this Living Book.

May we digest this Book, thus becoming strong Christians. It is what we do with what we read that really counts, so regardless of its binding, whether it be costly or cheap, may we realize that it is the Word of God. We should not read it casually, but as we read we should let our souls be fed with spiritual vitamins. ●

Campus Call





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Mission Field On Our Doorstep

By KAMLAKER DANDEKER

THERE ARE MORE than seventy five thousand foreign students studying in the United States and Canada at the present time. More than one hundred and forty-five nations and political areas of the world are represented in this student group. In addition to these persons, there are thousands of visitors who come to America on governmental or exchange programs each year.

This is a "built-in" mission field. Here is one of the most challenging fields open to the church of North America. Doors long considered closed to missionary activity become open as citizens of these lands become visitors and students in America. The church in this country should be alerted to see the hand of God in this situation.

It is unfortunate that many foreign students and visitors have no vital contact with true Christianity or Christians during their stay in this country. They are not at all impressed by the nominal Christianity they see. Some have become bitter and cynical and have carried a spirit of opposition to the gospel with them as they returned to their homelands.

However, there are some who during their stay have met real Christians. They have seen practical examples of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some have come to know Him and are serving the Lord in their own countries. Others did not become Christians but were greatly impressed and influenced by seeing a life touched by His grace. Some of these persons became Christians after returning to their respective countries.

With such an opportunity on our doorstep we may well ask, "What could I do to contact such students?"

The Lord has brought into being those agencies which specialize in the ministry of reaching international students and visitors. International Students, Inc. is one of these groups. A lay person interested in making contact with students could do so by first getting in touch with the local office of the International Students, Inc. Once the contact with a foreign student has been made, a period of time will follow when a confidence and friendship may be built.

It is not always wise to invite the student to attend church or some other religious meeting on the first contact. Get to know him first. Make it a point to visit the student in his room. Win him to yourself. Learn from him about his family, religion, and his personal beliefs concerning sin, how to obtain forgiveness and life after death. Become a sincere friend. Do not regard him as a curiosity. After you have won his confidence give him a modern translation of the New Testament. Ask him to start with Mark first, then continue with matthew. Remember that the gospel is not an idea to be discussed, it is a message to be received. Do not force your guest to make a decision right then and there. Let the Holy Spirit do His work as you stand by and wait.

There are a few Christian students in this country. Many of them are burdened with the academic, materialistic and financial factors of life. As the student is faced with various issues in his classes he encounters questions of interpretation of the Scriptures. He questions even the most basic truths—"Is there a God? And how could God have a Son? No one can prove to me that God is revealed through the Old and New Testaments." And so the questions go on, and must be answered.

In the materialistic realm there are other issues to face. He must decide whether he will heed the strict teachings of Christ who said to give to the poor and sell what we have, or whether it might be of the Lord to enjoy some of the luxuries and abundance which God has so bountifully poured out all around us.

To be of help to these Christian students, bring them to your home and have fellowship with them. Pray for them and with them. Show them Christ-like love in a practical way. You can become a foreign missionary in your own area by opening your home to foreign visitors and students. ●

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FAULTS and IDEALS

by Philip H. McSwain

IT IS OFTEN said, "If I had my life to live over again, I would live it differently. I would try my best to avoid the mistakes that I now see I have made. I would not give free course to the follies and sins that have so marred my life. I would give my life with earnestness and intensity to Jesus Christ and His service." No one can recall his life to live it over again, but young people have it in their power to live so that they will have no occasion for such an unavailing wish when they become old.

A young person may learn from the experience of others. If he is wise he will profit by learning from their mistakes and be incited and encouraged by their successes.

A good way for someone to make a personal check on his own faults is to ask himself this question, "What do I consider some of the most common faults of the young people I have met?" Then, ask himself this question, "Am I doing some of the same things that I dislike in others?" Almost anyone can tell us of faults in our lives and conduct, yet no one likes to be criticized and told his faults. When we recognize a new fault in ourselves it is an opportunity for a fresh conquest.

If one knowingly keeps and cherishes in himself a flaw or blemish, he is showing weakness. That person is surrendering part of his life to an enemy whom he acknowledges he cannot drive out. When this is done he permits a flaw to remain in his character. If it is left there it will not only be a blemish, but also a point of weakness which may, under great stress, break and fall.

Saint Paul in his letter to the Philippians gives us a wonderful picture of noble Christian living: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Genuine honesty and virtue are more than mere outside polish. They are the rich perfume of a heart bubbling over with the purities of life. Beauty destitute of virtue is a flower without its perfume, a dove devoid of her innocence. Success destitute of honesty is a house built on the sand, a ship at sea without oar or sail. The ideal of manliness and womanhood includes the sturdy qualities of splendid integrity, unflinching uprightness, and undeviating truthfulness.

There must be a rapid and harmonious development of all your mental, moral and spiritual faculties if you ripen into mature manhood or womanhood. Through all experiences, through trials, discouragement, temptation, opposition, defeat and failure, and through all changes of conditions and circumstances let your eyes rest unwaveringly on the goal. Never abandon the purpose to reach it; every day should mark progress. The epitaph of a great English historian is: "Here lies John Richard Green, Historian of the English people. He died learning." The heart is dead that has ceased to throb with longing for something yet better, and the hand is derelict in its duty which has slacked in its working.

We must not forget that only God himself can make possible and practicable the realizing of our vision. Young people ever need divine inspiration and help. It is God who sets before them the radiant vision which they would attain, and it is God alone who can help them to attain the highest form of ideals. ●



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the source of true joy

By JOSEPH T. LARSON

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YOUNG PEOPLE everywhere are seeking joy in pleasures, in the home, or in earthly fellowships. But the search for true joy must go deeper than the things of this life.

Solomon sought for joy in the material things of life. He mentions many things that he possessed, but none of these things seemed to satisfy. He says, "Behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit, and there was no profit under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 2:11).

There is a natural and a spiritual joy. There is the joy of possession and of happy prospect of things to come. The natural man finds pleasure in worldly revelry which can only end in sorrow and even death. There are temporal joys in gifts and in personal successes in life.

The great composer, Haydn, tells of the great joy he had when he arranged his musical compositions. "I write according to the thoughts I feel. When I think upon my God, my heart is so full of joy, that notes dance and leap, as it were from my pen, and since God has given me a cheerful heart, it will be easily forgiven me that I serve Him with such a cheerful spirit."

What is true joy? True joy is not found in meat and drink, but in "righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost" (Romans 14: 17). This joy from God is not dependent upon our circumstances. It is a happiness of soul which is accompanied with love, peace, and faith. It is the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22).

The source of all true joy is found in God our Father, in Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and in being led by the Holy Spirit. "The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost" (Romans 15: 13).

When Evangelist Trevor Morris journeyed from Australia to London to attend the Coronation of King George VI of England, he was asked by the attendant if his name was in the book. Mr. Morris said he did not know. They searched every page in the book but his name was not found there. Mr. Morris recalled that he had a friend in London. He hastened to this friend, who asked that Mr. Morris' name be placed in the guest book. This caused Mr. Morris to rejoice that he would not be excluded from the coronation. We too may rejoice that we shall attend the coronation of our King, the Lord Jesus Christ.

There is joy in witnessing for Christ, after He has saved us and delivered us from the dominion of sin and Satan. There is joy in daily fellowship with Christ, and in the happy prospect of our home with Him.

Real joy is dependent upon a right relationship with God. He gives joy to his children, sanctioning every good work done in His name and by His power. There is joy in the heart of the Sunday School teacher and the gospel minister when the Word of God is proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit. There is joy "over one sinner that repenteth." There is joy in prayer and praise to the One we love the most. "Ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full" (John 16:24). There is real joy in living for the glory of God and in beholding Him. The reason some Christians have so little joy is because of the pride of life and selfishness among men. Satan, by discouragement, would seek to nullify all reasons for joy. Paul said, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4).

The Lord will give joy when we take persecution gracefully, never failing to acknowledge Him. This has been the portion of many of God's servants who have endured hardships and persecutions for Christ's sake, refusing to retreat from the God-given field of service.

When the Lord returns for His own He will say to his faithful servants; "Well done, thou good and faithful servant . . . enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." ●

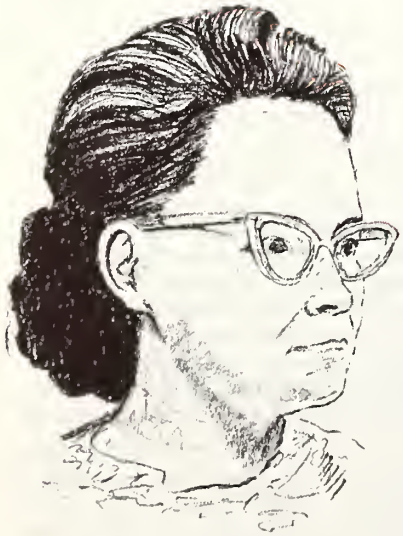
An account, in fiction, of a Sunday School teacher practicing her teaching.

By NORMAND J. THOMPSON





the all king's horses





MYRNA POLLARD, HER knees felt as if they were made of rubber, stepped from her car in front of Joe's house. Heart pounding madly, she asked herself, "How does a tiny, timid Sunday School teacher go about telling a defiant six-foot-three lad that money and things are not important, and that he needs Jesus in his heart?"

She stared, puzzled, at the old frame house, noting the brown cardboard which had been used to mend a broken window. Was this where Joe Sullivan lived? She checked the address on the absentee card inside her little white Bible, Joe was a new boy—and smart. Too smart, Myrna mused, remembering painfully how he and his friend Rocky Silva enjoyed badgering her. Maybe it would be better to let him drop out of her class?

Whispering a prayer for guidance, Myrna squared her shoulders and started toward the shabby house. A battered old car, with a rear wheel missing from it, blocked the driveway. Clutching her Bible firmly, she took a few resolute steps, then froze, horrified at the most violent language she had ever heard.

The angry voices came from inside the house. Suddenly the front door was thrust open. Joe Sullivan, arms and legs flying, came crashing down the steps, almost knocking her down.

Before she could ask him what was the matter, Joe grabbed her by the arm and cried breathlessly, "Come—quick! You've gotta help! You've gotta do something!"

This wasn't the cocky youth, whose stubborn opinions about money being the answer to the world's problems, kept her class in an uproar. This lanky lad, in blue jeans which stopped above his ankles, was a frightened boy who needed her help.

"Joe, what's wrong?"

He began to sob. "It's Pa. He's murderin' my mother.'

Myrna's heart beat wildly. She started to say, "Better call the police," but the urgency of Joe's grip on her arm, and a scream from the house, sent her plunging recklessly into the house.

Illustrated by Freddie Coleman

She saw at once that the cheap furniture matched the shabbiness of the house's exterior. An unshaven giant of a man with upraised fist was bellowing at a terrified woman with torn blouse who shrank into a corner.

"Stop!" Myrna heard herself shouting. She raced to the woman and threw her arms protectively about her.

"Get out of my way!" The big man lunged toward Myrna. His bloodshot eyes and reeking alcoholic breath made Myrna sick. "Kate, I want the rings! I must have them!"

"Pa! Listen, Pa!" Joe stepped between Myrna and the drunken giant. "This is my Sunday School teacher."

"Scat! Religion is not for the likes o' me."

"Barney, mind your manners!" Kate rebuked sharply, clinging to Myrna. "Show some respect for Joe's Sunday School teacher."

"It *is* for you, sir," Myrna said as she held up her Bible. All the king's horses, and all the king's men—and all the gold in Fort Knox—could never help this poor, drunk-befuddled wretch, she mused. Only a miracle could reclaim him—only God. She tried to smile. "Christ extends His loving arms to *everyone*."

He glared at her, breathing hard. "No. I don't believe that. Once I almost believed it, but that was before Tim was killed in Korea. I ain't been inside a church since. I swore I'd never enter a church door again! Never!" He banged his fist on the bare table.

Myrna, trembling, clutched at the woman for support. If she ever got out of this alive, there'd be no more visiting the slums, she promised herself.

"Give me the rings, Kate!" Barney glowered at Kate with his bleary eyes.

"I—I can't, Barney." Tears began to flow down Kate's face.

"What do you mean—you can't?"

"Don't beat me, Barney, and I'll tell you. You've stayed drunk so long, the grocer won't charge another loaf of bread. I had to pawn my rings for food."

MYRNA FUMBLED uncertainly with her purse. If she gave Barney money for tires, she'd never convince Joe that Christ, not cash, was the answer to the world's problems. Still, she *must* help this poor man to visit his dying brother. She held out two ten-dollar bills, and asked gently, "Will this help?"

Barney stared open-mouthed, then lurched drunkenly toward Myrna. "You're giving me this? Why?"

Myrna held up her Bible. "It says, 'Bear ye one another's burdens.' That means we must be Good Samaritans, doesn't it?"

Barney hung his head. "I'm nothing but a dirty, rotten drunkard, with the temper of twenty devils! I was beating poor Kate, to make her give me her rings to pawn. But she has no rings. I squandered them in drink.

"Here, take this!" Myrna thrust her money into his hand. "Go buy your tires and visit your brother. God bless you."

Kate threw her arms about Myrna and burst into tears. "God bless you. He sent you here this day. I know He did."

The screen door slamed. Barney was gone, without even a "thank you." Myrna sighed desolately. A fine Christian she was! She hadn't even tried to lead Joe Sullivan's pa to Christ! She turned to Joe. "I missed you last Sunday."

"Wasn't Joe's fault," Kate flared. "You see, ma'am, Joe can't dress up like other boys. Blue jeans is all he's got."

She touched Joe's shoulder, and smiled up into his solemn, freckled face. "I'm sure Abe Lincoln, Henry Ford, and other great Americans wore blue jeans. Don't let this keep you out of Sunday School, Joe—not a little thing like this! By the way, Joe, what started you coming to our class? Somebody invite you?"

Joe nodded. "It was Rocky. Rocky and me run together. He told me you were—er—nice and kind."

"Really?" Myrna laughed, then grew serious. "Remember I said that all the king's horses and men, and all the gold in Fort Knox, can never mend a world that's cracking up?" He nodded, and she went on, "I need a gimmick to put this idea over to the class next Sunday. Do you think you could—?"

"Dunno." Joe shook his head, backing away from her. Then he bolted out the door.

Myrna sighed. Poor Joe! She'd contact the Daughters of Ruth, at the church, and get him some Sunday clothes.

She heard Kate saying, "Pray for him. Pray for all of us."

Myrna did pray. Yet she hardly expected to see the Sullivan family mounting the church steps Sunday morning. She scarcely recognized Barney, clean-shaven and handsome in a brown suit and white shirt. Kate looked years younger in a gay blue dress given her by the Daughters of Ruth. Joe's gray slacks were also a gift from the Daughters of Ruth. He was carrying a small flat box that could have held a Bible.

Later, when Myrna called on him in class, she was surprised to see him awkwardly shake little picture blocks from the box.

"On one side are people." A little pale, Joe solemnly held up a handful of blocks, then turned them over. "The world is on the other side. When people get mixed up, that means the world is mixed up. See?" He scrambled the blocks, and Myrna was painfully aware of his staring down at her, puzzlement and defiance flashing in his dark eyes. "You said only the Lord—not money or anything—can straighten people out. But Ma says God does it through Christians—like you."

Happy tears glistened in Myrna's eyes. Joe's words brought a great spiritual truth sharply into focus for her. *God uses human instruments to win men and women to Himself.*

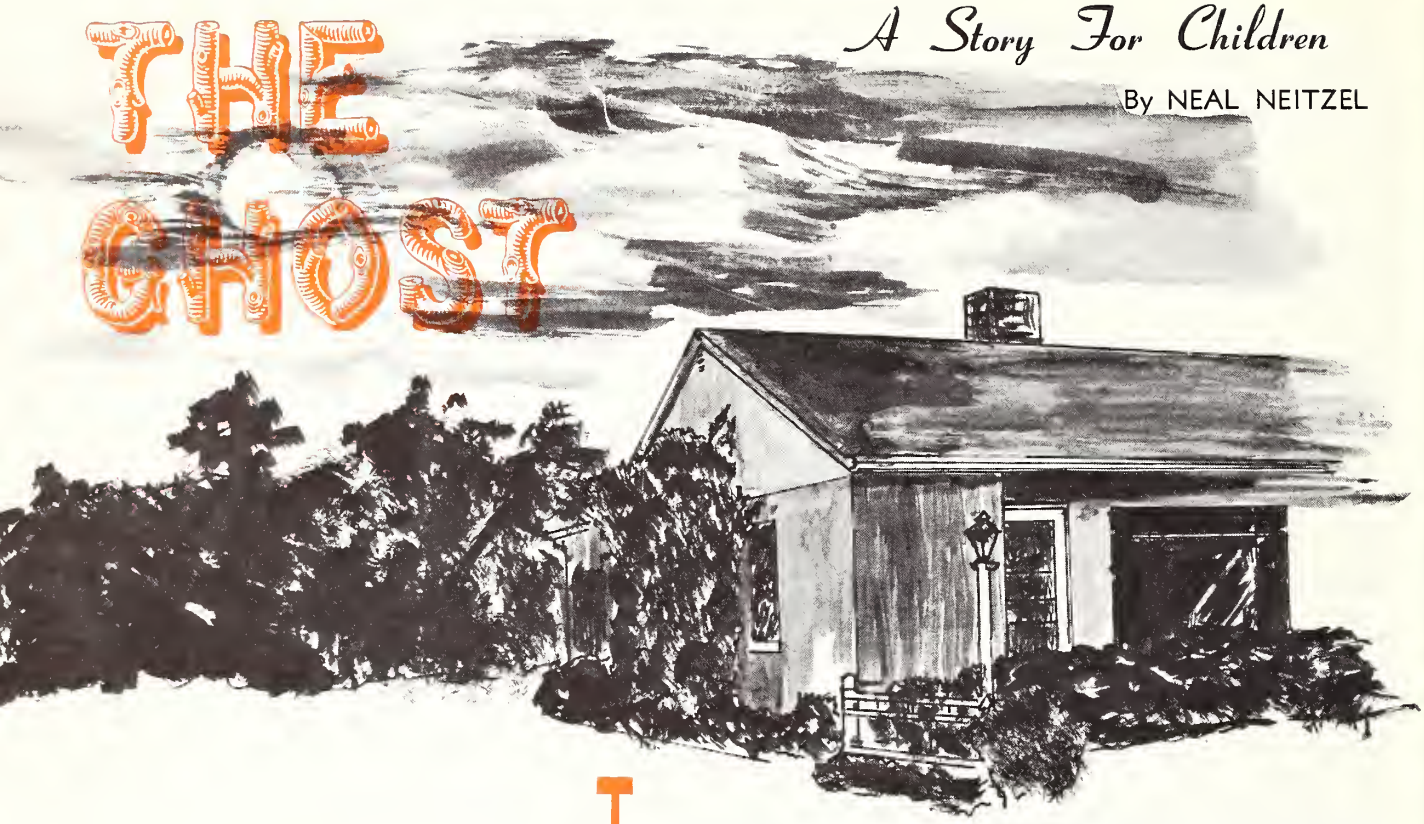
"Yes, Joe," she said softly. "We are workers together with God."

She reached up to straighten Joe's slouching shoulders. With God's help, she would straighten out his young life, and Barney's and Kate's as well. She beamed at the eager young faces before her. "The King's men—and women—*can* mend a world that's cracking up." ●

THE GHOST

A Story For Children

By NEAL NEITZEL





IT MAY HAVE been the moan of the chilly October wind whistling through the trees, or perhaps it could have been the gleam of bright moonlight streaming in through the window and glistening across Billy Johnson's face.

Whatever the reason, Billys' blue eyes fluttered open, and he was wide awake. He knew it was late at night. The house was quiet. Billy looked over at the curtains which were blowing, moved by the crisp autumn air entering through the bedroom window which was partially open.

Billy yawned and turned over, snuggling beneath the warm covers. He was just beginning to settle into a comfortable sleep again when a sudden sharp noise caused him to sit up in bed!

What a strange noise it had been! Billy knew that Mommy and Daddy were right across the hall, but still he was frightened. He crept out of bed and tiptoed across the room to the window.

Billy raised the window shade a few inches and looked down into the dark, shadowy backyard. The bright yellow glow of moonlight had disappeared. Thick grey-white clouds had drifted across the moon.

Billy was just about ready to pull the shade and to return to his bed when he saw the floating white object in the yard! He remembered, then, that it was Halloween, the very night that ghosts, gobblins, and witches were supposed to appear! Billy shivered and nearly cried out to his Mommy and Daddy.

Then Billy remembered that he had said his prayers. He took a deep breath and sighed. God would protect him. Billy felt much better. He stared down at the fluttering white form in the yard.

The clouds had drifted away from the bright face of the full moon and moonbeams drove the shadows from the back yard. Billy grinned when he saw what "the ghost" really was. It was only a white sheet Mommy had forgotten to take off the clothesline!

Billy was glad he hadn't cried, waking Daddy and Mommy. He stretched and yawned, then pulled down the shade and tiptoed back to bed. In less than a minute, Billy was sound asleep again. ●

Why SCOUTING in the Church?

By NORMAN D. JONES

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Youth leaders of the Church of God have for years promoted youth clubs in our denomination. In 1955 the Lamplighters program was successfully launched. This church club program has proven its worth and will continue to be vigorously promoted by the National Sunday School and Youth Department.

However, over the years there have been those churches which needed a more specialized youth club program than Lamplighters offered. After long and careful study of the leading club programs on today's evangelical scene, the National Sunday School and Youth Board of the Church of God has passed unanimously to add scouting to its club family.

The scout program has the advantage of being well known, of having units in virtually every community, and of boasting a wide supply of materials. It is significant that scout leaders at their national office say the most successful troops are connected with churches.

The scout promise and law are a paraphrase of the moral law of the Bible in language youth can understand. Under the guidance of a consecrated Christian scoutmaster, scouting offers a program with emphasis on duty to God, country, others, and self. Thus the youth, his church, and scouting combine to make a successful and spiritual program.

Scouting is an aid to the church to help accomplish its goals for young people. Scout units are operated by the church. The church provides spiritual purpose, administration, program, leaders, and facilities, while scouting serves through its oath and law, organization, scout program, *leadership training,* and camping facilities.

The parallel resources of the church and scouting combine in a partnership for serving youth. Children and young people are given a program that serves some of their most strategic needs in the atmosphere of the church under Christian leadership which develops traits of character and habits of conduct that are a part of the Christian way of life.

To give a strong and specific emphasis on religious experience in the life of a youth in scouting, the Church of God has recently released a God and Country Program. Through participation in this thorough and effective program under the guidance of the minister, the youth grows in Christian faith, witness, outreach, citizenship, and fellowship. The God and Country Award is given to the youth by his church in recognition of his growth and service.

You may now order the brochure, "Scouting Serves the Church of God," from your National Sunday School and Youth Department. It contains the God and Country Program of our church, a minister's guide, and information for organizing a scout unit. From the same address you may schedule for free showing the 35 mm, 15 minute color filmstrip, "The Scouting Program in Protestant Churches."

The national office of the Boy Scouts of America joins your National Sunday School and Youth Department in urging your participation by offering to furnish you professional advice through the nearest scouting representative in your area.

Stop the exodus of young people from your church! Reach unsaved youngsters for Christ; provide living level and leadership training; promote fellowship and co-operation; offer recreational and expressional opportunity. Use scouting in the Church of God. ●



THE SCOUT PROMISE

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

1. Trustworthy
2. Loyal
3. Helpful
4. Friendly
5. Courteous
6. Kind
7. Obedient
8. Cheerful
9. Thrifty
10. Brave
11. Clean
12. Reverent

Angel of The Battlefield

By ESTHER MILLER PAYLER

THE DOCTOR drove swiftly into the barnyard of the Barton farm in North Oxford, Massachusetts, on a morning in 1832. A small girl with a mop of brown hair and wide, dark eyes dashed out the kitchen door. She grabbed the reins the doctor tossed to her as he climbed down from his buggy and hurried inside the farmhouse, carrying his little black bag. Clara tied the horse, absently patted his nose, and then followed the doctor inside. Her usually smiling face was very solemn.

The house was so quiet Clara could hear the tick of the grandfather clock in the hall and the murmur of her father's and the doctor's voices from her big brother David's bedroom. She heard her mother's skirts swish over the rag carpets as she walked to the kitchen for hot water.

"David's had a very bad fall and is seriously hurt," said the doctor gravely.

"Will he—" began her mother unable to stop sobbing. Her father put his arm around her mother's shoulders. Clara swallowed hard.

"I don't know if he will live or not," continued the doctor. "I've done all I could. It's in God's hands now. It will take a long time at best for him to get better, and only constant nursing will keep him alive."

"I can do it with God's help!" Clara said in a small voice. "I'll nurse David until he's better."

The doctor studied the slender eleven year old. "You're very young and not big, but I believe you're strong."

"Tell me exactly what to do," said Clara.

The doctor told her about the medicines and just what treatment was needed by her big brother.

Her mother protested: "Clara loves to ride horseback. She and David frequently ride their horses.



CLARA BARTON Civil War photo by Brady, premier American photographer of his day, whose work still ranks among the finest taken in this country. (Official United States Signal Corps Photo)

She works in the garden and is always running about outdoors. I don't know if she can stay inside day after day."

"You'll see," said Clara, closing her lips firmly. "God will help me to take care of my dear David so we can ride and run again!"

The days passed into weeks and the weeks into months. It was two years before David was better and Clara's day and night nursing was over. "I forgot that there was an outside to the house," Clara wrote later. She spoke of early learning of the Golden Rule and Sermon on the Mount, saying: "I firmly believe in the divinity of Christ, the Jesus of Nazareth and in His life and death of suffering to save the world from sin."

Her family realized Clara had grown little during these two hard years, and she always remained a small woman. It was her way of walking and her dignity which made her seem a taller woman than she was. The nursing experience of those years helped Clara later to become known as "Angel of the Battlefield." The neglected and wounded Civil War soldiers gave her this title as she went about working for others. Her favorite poem was:

He prayeth best who loveth best,
All things both great and small;
For the dear God who loveth us,
He made and loveth all.

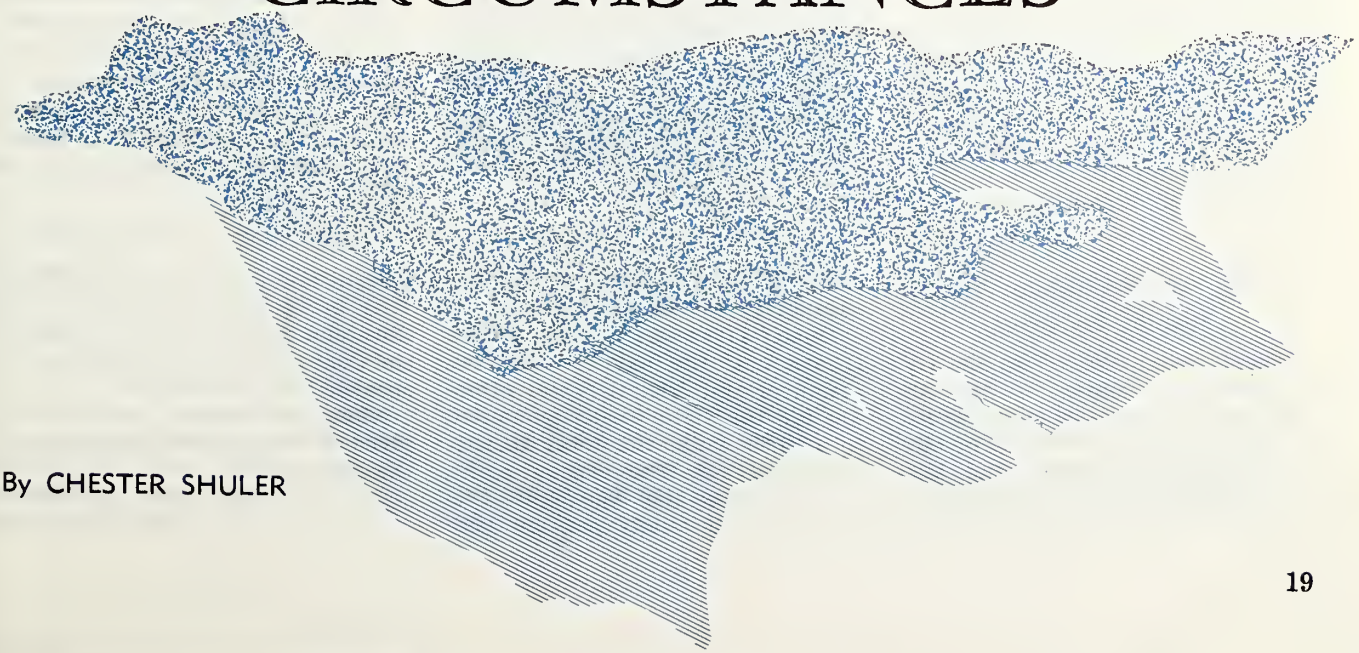
When she could not get government help, on her own Clara Barton nursed soldiers on the battlefields, taking them medicines, supplies and food which she had collected at her own expense. She served Union and Confederate soldiers alike. She became Superintendent of Nurses for the Army of the James and had many thrilling experiences as she saved thousands of soldiers' lives who would have died before they could get to the few hospitals. One time her cloak was shot off as she crossed a swaying pontoon bridge. Another time a soldier she was feeding was killed by a bullet.

With President Lincoln's help, she founded and took care of the bureau which located missing soldiers and restored them to their families. Twenty-two thousand were located during the first year, and thirteen thousand graves were marked.

Miss Barton founded the American Red Cross, becoming its first president. She served twenty-three years, organizing on a national scale which gave emergency help in catastrophes as well as in war. Her slogan was: "To wait for the emergency rather than have the emergency wait for her."

The American Red Cross today is a worthy monument to Clara Barton's Christian faith and her devoted work for suffering humanity. She never forgot her early faith and nursing experience. ●

ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES



By CHESTER SHULER

A LADY WHO had served for some years on a foreign mission field was speaking. She related that on one occasion she had fourteen guests in the mission house at a time when domestic help was almost unobtainable.

"It was a trying time," she related. "I was forced to lay aside my regular missionary duties and devote my entire attention to cooking and household work. It proved to be quite a strain and I felt my patience being tried severely. I realized my need for spiritual strength to carry on.

"One morning I arose early and sought a quiet spot with my Bible. Looking through its pages I came upon Deuteronomy 28:13, which reads, in part, "Thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath . . ." There are other good things in this remarkable verse but these words seemed to be impressed upon my heart at that moment in a very clear, definite manner. I could not help accepting them as from my Lord for my comfort and strengthening.

"Meditating on this verse I saw that there really was no need for me to 'go under'—to be overwhelmed or exasperated by pressure of present conditions in my home. I had been sorely troubled because the work of the Lord which I had come so far to do, was being neglected, and I was obliged to give my time to duties which seemed of much lesser importance. Now I seemed to have a divine message: if I could not go through all of these annoying details I at least could *be above* them!

"And so," the lady continued joyfully, "as I went about the kitchen I kept saying to myself, 'I refuse to go down!' And do you know, the lessons which I learned during those difficult and trying hours have been an inspiration ever since? It is no ordinary circumstance which makes Deuteronomy 28:13 one of my very favorite verses."

Of course it is impossible to "be above" one's circumstances day by day unless there is Divine help. The following verses—author unidentified—are inspiring and helpful in these conditions:

"I cannot do it alone,
The waves run fast and high,
And fogs close chill around;
The light goes out in the sky;
But I know that we two
Shall win in the end—
Jesus and I.

"Coward, wayward and weak,
I change with the changing sky;
Today so eager and brave,
Tomorrow not caring to try.
But He never gives in
And so we two shall win—
Jesus and I."

Perhaps we are "above" our circumstances today and far below them tomorrow. Let us remember, "Thou shalt not be beneath."
We do not wish to be. Help us, Lord, to remember Thee! ●

YOUTH IN ACTION



Jacksonville, Florida, Senior Banquet

On May 23, 1963, the Springfield Church of God, Jacksonville, Florida, honored the graduates from both the North and South Districts with a banquet. The theme was "To Reach the Mountain Top." The first plane reached was junior high school, the second, senior high school and the third, college. In our Christian lives we start first at Calvary and are saved. Next we are sanctified, and then filled with the Holy Spirit. These prepare us for the last event: the Resurrection.

We were fortunate to have as our guest speaker our State Youth Director, the Reverend Philemon Roberts who did an excellent job. He pointed out to the young people that they should major in faith and minor in the fears of this world. The hundred persons who attended the banquet sat almost spellbound listening to the Word of God.

The twenty graduates carried a gold or purple candle, representing richness, royalty, wisdom, knowledge and vision. After the ceremony each senior was presented a New Testament by the Springfield Church. The Reverend F. L. Braddock, the pastor, gave the invocation.

Benton, West Virginia, Young Peoples Endeavor

The Brenton, West Virginia Y.P.E. launched a contest on April 24, 1963, which ran for eight weeks. It was under the leadership of Mrs. Lola Glispey, president, and Miss Mary Bishop, vice president. Elnora McGrady was the captain of the red side. Carolyn Meddows was the captain of the blue side.

Much interest was shown throughout the contest by the members and friends. Total offering for the eight weeks amounted to $272.60 while the total attendance was 747. The closing night, June 12, was the big night. One hundred and ninety persons were present and the offering was $97.22. This broke all past records. The Reverend Billie Thompson pastor of the Coal Mountain Church was the speaker for the occasion.

After the service everyone enjoyed a weiner roast sponsored by the church.

Mrs. B. W. Chambers
Y.P.E. Secretary

Sale Creek, Tennessee, Y.P.E.

Recently the Y.P.E. of the Sale Creek Church of God completed a four-week contest in which we had great results. God guided our young people in a great way and we are



thankful for God's love and for our young people.

Listed below are the results of our contest:

Stamps collected for the Home for Children	18,239
Coupons collected for the Home for Children	4,523
Earnings and collections	$250.53
New Visitors	94
Average Weekly Attendance	102

Van Dyke, Michigan Senior Banquet

As each couple entered the banquet hall, the evening of June 8, their faces shown with excitement, for they saw the results of the many hours that had gone into the planning of the 1963 senior banquet. As each of the guest arrived, Bill Clanton, who served as the master of ceremonies, greeted them and kept them smiling the remainder of the evening. The tables were luxuriously set and served by the Ladies' Willing Worker Band. Delicious steak was the main entree of the meal. Music provided by the Olsen Ensemble enhanced the occasion's delightful atmosphere.

Finally came the moment of humor and hilarity for which the seniors had been waiting. Imaginary skits portraying the future of each senior were performed. The fiction and frolic of the skits left every senior wondering, "Could it be possible?"

Last, yet the most enjoyable event of the evening, was the talk presented to us by the new State Sunday School and Youth Director, the Reverend Fred Swank. His excellent presentation of the banquet theme "Yesterday, Today and Forever" encouraged the young persons, especially the seniors, to take Christ with them into the future.

Sandi Carr, Secretary
Lamplighters Club

Bakersfield, California Young Peoples' Endeavor

Pictured here is a royal event that took place recently at the Church of God in Bakersfield, California, where Chuck Sutton and Karen Rush were crowned King and Queen of the Y.P.E. for 1963. Also pictured are runners-up Rodney Knight and Mary Ann Palmer. Crown bearers were Lorie Otterness and Kenny Sutton.

Preceding the coronation, a contest was held, lasting for three



months where all ages could vote for their favorite teen-ager's, as well as the teen-agers working for themselves, by giving an offering or bringing visitors to our Y.P.E. services. The winners were crowned king and queen and received an expense paid trip to youth camp.

This contest was one of the best the Bakersfield Church has ever had.

Old Fort, North Carolina Lamplighters

The Old Fort, North Carolina, Church of God recently organized the Sparks Lamplighter Club with nine members and three co-workers, who are Mrs. Shirley Morris,



counselor, Mrs. Barbara Rose and Mrs. Janice Morris, assistants.

The club meets twice each month, with special activities planned by each co-worker. One plans the games, another provides the refreshments, and one plans the devotions. The ladies are showing a great interest in this group, and we feel that this is just the beginning of a real Sparks Club at Old Fort, North Carolina.

We organized a Lamplighter Club for junior boys also with seven members and a counselor and already the boys are attaining some goals and working for their ranks.

R. J. Harvey, counselor, meets with the boys twice each month, at which time he has games, devotion, and other activities.

The junior girls have a Lamplighters Club and are working hard under the leadership of their counselor, Mrs. Doris Guthrie, who is a capable leader with a burden for these girls. This group, like the boys, meets twice each month, at which time the counselor has planned activities, which include devotions, games, and working for their ranks.

Under the leadership of the adviser Mrs. E. H. Babb, and the counselor, Mrs. Bula Arney, the Youth Fellowship Club meets once a month, at which time the young people enjoy a time of fellowship, devotion, refreshments, games, handcraft. Please pray for these clubs that God will be glorified and many will be saved through these clubs. ●

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THE REVEREND W. BURLE SUMNER

A FORMER STATE YOUTH DIRECTOR PASSES

By JAMES A. CROSS

After many years of faithful service to our Lord and Master, Brother W. Burle Sumner entered into his eternal rest on Thursday, August 1, 1963. Today he is enjoying the reward of his many years of faithful service to Almighty God.

Brother Sumner was licensed to preach thirty-four years ago. Brother R. P. Johnson was his state overseer at the time. He has preached much longer, however, than he has been licensed for he has been preaching about forty-two years. He has held pastorates in North Carolina, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida and was state youth director of Louisiana several years ago.

Brother Sumner, at the time of his death, was pastoring the Church of God in Tarpon Springs, Florida and was president of the local ministerial association. He was also a member of the state council in Florida.

The Reverend Sumner was dearly loved by members and ministers of the Church of God and by people from all walks of life. Hundreds of people attended his funeral at the Lake Wire Church of God at Lakeland, Florida where the Reverend W. C. Byrd, pastor, officiated. The Reverend Byrd was assisted by the Reverend James A. Cross, State Overseer of Florida, and the Reverend J. T. Roberts, Overseer of the colored churches.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Russell Lee Sumner, one son, Ronald L. Sumner, who is in the Marines, and one daughter, Mrs. Betty Busby of Lake Wales, Florida, one brother, six sisters, and three grandchildren. ●

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St. Charles, Missouri	551
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama	545
Fort Mill, South Carolina	500

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ENDEAVOR

Average Weekly Attendance
July, 1963

200 and Over

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	277
Glenwood, North Carolina	233
Greenville (Tremont), South Carolina	210
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida	206
Whitwell, Tennessee	200

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Bristol, Virginia	193
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	192
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	180
Mobile (Crichton), Alabama	175
Goldsboro, North Carolina	168
Sevierville (Park Road), Tennessee	160
Lakeland (Lake Wire), Florida	156
River Road, Barbados	154
Wilson, North Carolina	154

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Fairmont (Indian), North Carolina	146
Sion Hill, Barbados	140
Avondale Estates, Georgia	140
Nassau (Faith Temple), Bahamas	136
Mercersburg, Pennsylvania	136
Garden City, Florida	135
West Flint, Michigan	133
Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio	133
Paris, Texas	133
Rifle Range, Florida	132
Cleveland (North), Tennessee	132
Cleveland (South), Tennessee	129
Van Dyke, Michigan	125
Saddle Tree, North Carolina	124
East Laurinburg, North Carolina	123
Lake Payne, Alabama	121
Chattanooga (North), Tennessee	120
Ludville, Georgia	119
Woodruff, South Carolina	119
Wyandotte, Michigan	118
Radford, Virginia	118
Orlando (Orange), Florida	117
East Lumberton, North Carolina	117
Dayton (Oakridge Drive), Ohio	116
Columbia, South Carolina	116
Fort Worth (Riverside), Texas	116
Arcadia, Florida	112
South Lebanon, Ohio	112
Lenoir City, Tennessee	111
South Mount Zion, Georgia	110
Langley, South Carolina	110
Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia	109
Melborne, Florida	107
Wilmington (Fourth Street), North Carolina	107
Greenville (Woodside), South Carolina	107
Alabama City, Alabama	106
Jacksonville (Kings Highway), Florida	106
West Liberty, Kentucky	106
Hazlehurst, Georgia	105
Bartow, Florida	104
Sanford, Florida	103
Milford, West Virginia	103
Thorn, Mississippi	101
Detroit (Tabernacle), Michigan	100

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Anniston, Alabama	99
Swift Current, Canada	99
Tarpon Springs, Florida	99
Brunswick (Norwich Street), Georgia	99
Natchez, Mississippi	99
Canton (9th and Gibbs), Ohio	99
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Rossville, Georgia	92
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Filled with Holy Ghost	2,001
Added to the Church	883

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The Reverend Hurschel L. Diffie, pastor of the Church of God (44th Street) in Phoenix, Arizona, has notified us that his church was not listed in the top 100 churches for attendance on Easter Sunday. The 44th Street Church in Phoenix should have been listed as number 42 in the top 100 churches. They had 379 in attendance on Easter Sunday.

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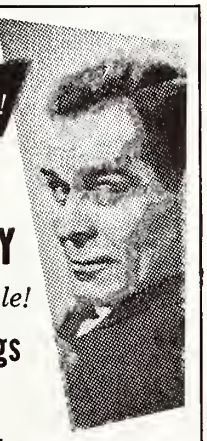
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Middletown (Clayton), Ohio 616

400-499

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio 487
Griffin, Georgia 474
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida 468
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia 465

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Hamilton (7th and Chestnut), Ohio 394
Newport News, Virginia 377
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Total Monthly Attendance for July

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina 4,401
East Gadsden, Alabama 1,543
East Lumberton, North Carolina 696
Decatur, Alabama 678
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia 475
Tampa (Sulphur Springs), Florida 473
Acosta, Pennsylvania 430
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina 392
Orlando (Orange Avenue), Florida 350
Columbia, South Carolina 300

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

West Virginia 50
Alabama 34
South Carolina 23
Michigan 19
Georgia 18
North Carolina 18
Pennsylvania 17
Oklahoma 15
Ohio 14
Tennessee 12

REPORT OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1963 4
New Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1963 8
Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1963 12

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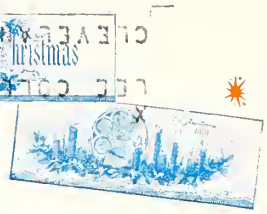
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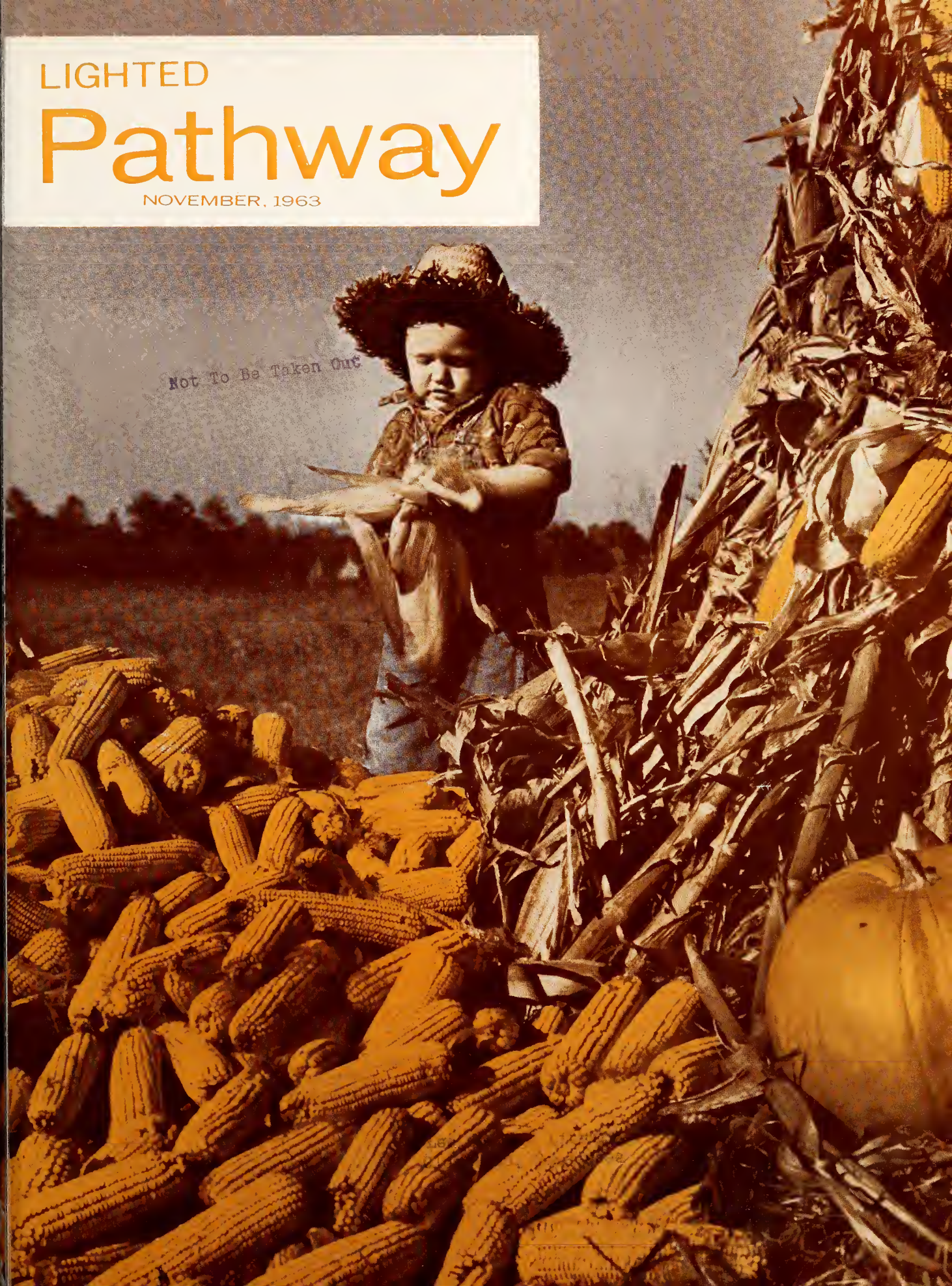
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Thanksgiving

IN CONTEMPORARY DAYS when the courts have pulled the Bible from classrooms, when the Sabbath is ignored as a day of worship, and when godless men thank God for nothing, never mentioning His name except in profanity, America needs to return to the humble, thankful attitude of its founding fathers. Our country reflects well the verbal picture given by the Apostle Paul: ". . . when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened" (Romans 1:21).

Though some current historians have endeavored to discredit the common belief that our nation's founding fathers were devout, they have not succeeded. Reputable reference works state that in 1623, a day of fasting and prayer for rain in the midst of a drought was changed into thanksgiving by the coming of rain during the prayers. These thankful forefathers were the lineal progenitors of some of us and were the spiritual ancestors of every loyal American. At least six of the Presidents, John Quincy Adams, Zachary Taylor, and Franklin D. Roosevelt among them, were of Mayflower descent.

Nine hectic weeks dragged by while the Pilgrims were en route to the New World in the Mayflower. When, on that momentous December day in 1620, these one hundred and two Pilgrims reached Provincetown Bay, they gave thanks to the Almighty. Governor Bradford records: "They fell on their knees and blessed the God of Heaven who had brought them over the vast and furious ocean and delivered them from all the pains and miseries thereof." Upon gathering their first harvest the following fall, these colonists observed a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

Historians state that in studying the genealogies and records preserved in old family Bibles of early New Englanders, one soon becomes keenly aware of these early colonists' extensive, detailed knowledge of the Holy Writ. This is also reflected in their predilection for the near unpronounceable names which they chose from the Old Testament for their children. Emerson, who deviated from many of the cardinal tenets of an earlier New England theology, continued to ardently admire the reverence with which the Puritan fathers had held the Sabbath. He wrote that the proper observance of the Sabbath is the basis of civilization.

Began by the Pilgrims, the custom of setting aside one day a year to especially thank God for His multitudinous blessings led to our nation's declaring an official Thanksgiving Day. Though such a day was observed by numerous states years earlier, the observance became nationwide in 1864 when President Lincoln issued his Thanksgiving Day proclamation. Since then the Presidents have issued such an annunciation annually, designating a Thursday in November for its observance.

Thankfulness to God is a precious attribute for a nation to possess. America's history reflects such a quality. A nobler manifesto is never issued from the White House than the President's annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation. Without exception these pronouncements cry out, "Thanks be to God!" Abraham Lincoln wrote: "I do, therefore, invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States . . . those at sea . . . those sojourneying in foreign lands to observe . . . a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. . . ." Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed: "To set aside in the autumn of each year a day on which to give thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of life is a wise and reverent custom."

Johnson Oatman sets the tenor for thankfulness when he writes:

"Count your many blessings; name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

During this Thanksgiving season the admonition of Saint Paul to the church at Colossae well befits us: "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful." May each reader have a Christ-centered Thanksgiving. ●

Clyde W. Buxton

By Norman Schlichter



IN THE ROTUNDA of the capitol at Washington, D. C., is a painting called "The Embarcation of the Pilgrims." The painting portrays the Pilgrims on the deck of the *Speedwell,* in the port of Leyden, Holland, from which the Pilgrims set sail for England en route to these shores in 1620. The large open Bible in the picture that is held by William Brewster is the first thing that strikes the eyes of everyone who looks at the great painting. And once a reverent person sees that Bible, it stays clearly in his memory.

That Bible symbolizes the faith of those Pilgrims. Their faith was the greatest of all blessings they brought to our shores. To recall their faith and to praise God for it is one of the finest acts of worship that any of us who profess to be Christians can enter on this Thanksgiving Day. It was this Pilgrim faith that has had more to do with our keeping a national Thanksgiving Day than any other single fact.

The Pilgrims had the kind of faith in God that becomes clearer when we remember that William Brewster, who held that open Bible on the *Speedwell,* said after the terrible experience of the Pilgrims in that first awful year at Plymouth: "It is not with us as with those whom small things discourage."

Imagine calling the sufferings of the Pilgrims, so well known to all of us, "Small things"!

But "in faith" the Pilgrims sailed soon after from Plymouth, England, on the *Mayflower* toward unknown shores. Three months later the sturdy little *Mayflower* lay at anchor in the harbor at Provincetown. The Pilgrims, busy with many tasks before they landed on shore, were surprised when word came that all were to assemble in the cabin of the ship.

The little band of men, women, and children put aside their tasks and gathered to hear what Elder William Brewster, their beloved leader, had to tell them. All stood in silence, for even the youngest sensed the importance of the occasion. We must remember that the Pilgrims were covenanters. They believed that if they kept God's covenant, He would keep His promises.

In simple words, the Elder explained that it was necessary to have certain laws by which the colonists would govern themselves in the New World. A solemn compact was drawn up, and read for their approval. One by one, the Pilgrim fathers went forward to add their names to this important document. Famous names were written there: John Carver, William Bradford, Edward Winslow, Miles Standish, John Alden, and many others remembered as builders of our nation.

THE WORDING OF THE Mayflower Compact was as follows: "In ye name of God, Amen. We whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread soveraigne Lord, King James, by ye grace of God, of Great Britaine, Franc, Ireland king, defender of ye faith & c., haveing undertaken, for ye glorie of God and advancemente of ye Christian faith, and honour of our king & countrie, a voyage to plant ye first colonie in ye Northerne parts of Virginia, doe by these presents solemnly & mutualy in ye presence of God, and one of another, covenant & combine our selves togeather into a civill body politick, for our better ordering & preservation & furtherance of ye ends aforesaid; and by vertue hearof to enacte, constitute, and frame such just & equall lawes, ordinances, acts, constitutions, & offices from time to time, as shall be thought most meete & convenient for ye generall good of ye Colonie unto which we promise all due submission and obedience. In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cap-Codd ye 11. of November in ye year of ye raigne of our soveraigne lord, King James, of England, France, Ireland ye eighteenth, and of Scotland ye fiftie fourth. Ano: Dom. 1620."

What a stately, solemn doctrine is that! How boldly, yet how reverently it begins! Those Pilgrims were fearless, brave, courageous! We could well do with a tithe of their courage when it comes to standing for righteousness and for justice in our land today! They feared no one, because they feared God!

Of such material, of such human stuff was our country made. May God grant to American young people the grace to so trust in Christ, so live for Him, so represent Him to men that the forces of unrighteousness in our land will be put down and the faith that builds nations shall prevail. ●

By Kenneth A. Dismukes

WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD

A YOUNG LADY who was about to become Miss America was asked the thought-provoking question, "If you were the mother of a teen-ager, what do you believe is the most important thing he should know?" After a few moments of thoughtful consideration, she gave her sober reply, "I believe he should know God and know himself."

This young lady went straight to the heart of God's basic principle for a full, happy, and well-balanced life. She described a co-existence with God that we can have only when we have found true humility. Spurgeon said, "Humility is to make a right estimate of oneself." This young person restated in her own words what Micah gave as one of God's requirements of man, "to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

Humility is not only a requirement of God, but it is that attribute that gives our life meaning and balance. Shakespeare placed great value on humility when he said in Hamlet, "This above all: to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

True humility is not belittling oneself or selling oneself short, but to be truly humble we must see ourself as we really are. Phillip Brooks said, "The true way to be humble is not to stoop until you are smaller than yourself, but to stand at your real height against some higher nature that will show you what the real smallness of your greatness is."

Paul points us to that *higher nature* and exhorts us to come into His presence with a true heart, "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus. . .Let us draw near with a true heart . . . ," (Hebrews 10:19, 22).

Christ also teaches us the importance of drawing near with a true heart when he contrasts the character of the Pharisee with that of the publican: "Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted" (Luke 18:10-14). The Pharisee attempted to impress God with his own "righteousness." The publican who came to God with a true heart saw God's greatness, humbled himself, and went away justified.

It was when Isaiah came into God's holy presence and saw Him high and lifted up that he really saw himself. It was when Paul, on the road to Damascus, saw Christ that he took an introspective look and started walking humbly with his God. Let us see the resurrected Christ and by seeing Him, let us truly see ourselves and thus fulfill one of God's requirements of us—to walk humbly with Him. ●





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Two of a Thousand

By James E. Adams

WHEN WE READ figures on world population, peoples under Communist domination, monies appropriated or spent for armaments or the national income they so dwarf the imagination as to be almost meaningless. But couldn't we more fully grasp these and other statistics as they relate to us if, in our imagination, we could compress the world population of more than two and a half billions into one thousand people?

Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, active in the American Bible Society, has done just that. He has reduced the world population in exact proportion to an imaginary town of one thousand people. His easily comprehensible figures give pause for sober reflection, and therein is a ray of light, too.

In this imaginary community live sixty Americans, the rest of the world being represented by the other nine hundred and forty people. About three hundred and thirty of the one thousand are classified as Christians, fewer than one hundred of them Protestants and some two hundred and thirty Roman Catholics.

There are at least eighty practicing Communists plus three hundred and seventy under their domination. More than half of the townspeople are hearing about Karl Marx, Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev; but half have never heard of Jesus and what He taught.

The sixty Americans have an average life expectancy of seventy years while that of the remaining nine hundred and forty averages less than forty years. The Americans receive half the income of the town, have fifteen times as many possessions per person, produce sixteen per cent of the town's food supply growing all their own and eating seventy-two per cent above maximum food requirements, and enjoy a disproportionate share of electric power, coal, fuel, steel, and general equipment.

Because of their comparative wealth, the sixty Americans are able to do most in telling the unevangelized about the transforming power of the gospel of Christ. But only thirty-eight of these sixty are church members. Of the thirty-eight, twenty-one are Protestants. People over sixty-five and young folks eighteen and under are unable to give like regular wage-earners. That leaves less than thirteen to bear the burden of supporting the church at home and abroad.

According to a Gilbert Youth Research Company survey, sixty-eight per cent of the seventeen to twenty-two-year-old Protestants do not attend church regularly. A Gallup poll informs us that forty-four per cent of church members attended on a "typical" Sunday. So only about six Protestants out of our sixty Americans attend church regularly.

These six of the sixty Americans represent the fundamental and modernistic, the conservative and liberal, the evangelical and formal. Aren't the really fundamental and evangelical believers in our communities in the very small minority? How many of the six believe that the blood of Jesus Christ is the only remedy for sin? How many tithe? How many really support the cause of Christ?

Perhaps only one of the sixty representative Americans really supports the gospel outreach to the ends of the earth. Since the Americans receive half of the imaginary town's income, our good brethren in other countries may equal only one more out of a thousand. Two of a thousand may be contributing the major share of the support to our present-day efforts to fulfill the Great Commission.

But consider that Bible Schools dot the four corners of the earth, training nationals to proclaim the good news of salvation. Thousands of missionaries are faithfully telling redemption's story, and thousands of people are accepting Christ as Saviour and Lord.

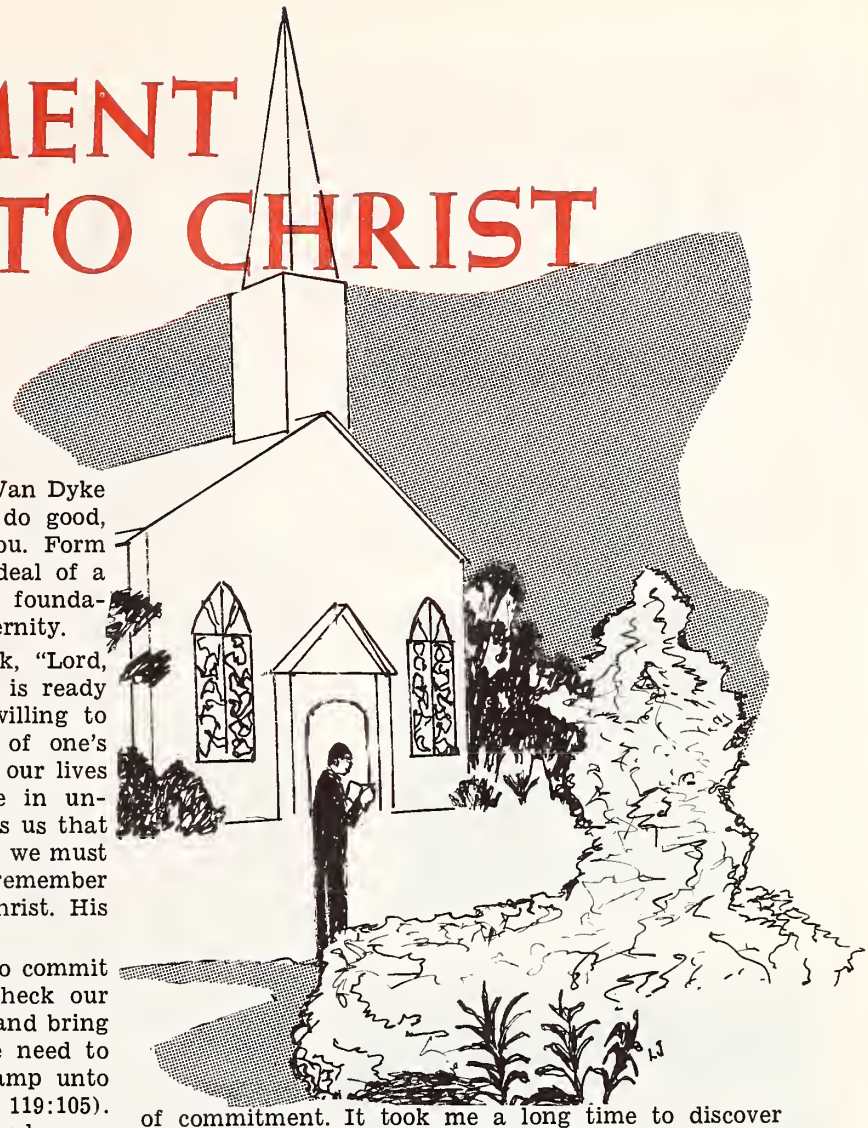
This is being done because about two of a thousand are faithfully backing the Great Commission with their tithes and offerings. So much is being done by so few. This is the ray of light in the uneasy world community. It is blessed and wonderful to shine in such gross darkness. ●





COMMITMENT TO CHRIST

By Robert Humbertson



IN *SERMONS TO YOUNG MEN* Henry Van Dyke states, "If you want to be good and do good, come to Christ and let Him teach you. Form your character on His model, and let the ideal of a life in Christ, for Christ, like Christ, be the foundation on which you build for time and eternity.

Like young Saul of Tarsus we should ask, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" The Lord is ready always to give an assignment to persons willing to obey Him. He honors a full commitment of one's self to Him. Involved in the commitment of our lives to Jesus Christ is a willingness to engage in unselfish service for our Master. The Bible tells us that Jesus went about doing good. As His disciples, we must do likewise. Throughout each day we must remember that we are not our own—we belong to Christ. His will must be our will.

The Bible is God's guidebook for those who commit themselves to Jesus. We must constantly check our actions and words against the Word of God and bring ourselves in subjection to its teachings. We need to personalize the scripture, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Commitment to Christ means accepting and practicing holiness as God's standard of conduct. Our Lord said the pure in heart shall see God. Holy thoughts, holy words, holy actions are characteristic of all who have committed their lives to Christ. Holiness finds its rightful place in their motives, attitudes, and ambitions.

Wholehearted devotion to God is required of Christ's disciples. This is necessary if we wish to become full-grown Christians. The Lord will not teach us unless we "show up for school." Many Christians are still babes in Christ because they have failed to devote themselves to God that He might teach them new truths and lead them into deeper spiritual experiences. Often we would like to be used of the Lord in particular ways; but, as much as He would like to use us, He will not because we are not prepared to be used. There has been a leakage in our consecration or a "fumbling of the ball" when opportunity presented itself.

In the fall, 1962, issue of *Teach,* Mark O. Hatfield, Governor of Oregon, writes, "I'd grown up in a home where church and the Bible were taken for granted. Religion came very naturally to me. This was just the trouble for it was a religion of habit, not of commitment. It took me a long time to discover the difference. But I remember vividly the night in 1951 when it all came to a head: Either Christ was God, and Saviour, and Lord, or He wasn't; and if He were, then He had to have all my time, all my devotion, and all my life. I made the choice that night; I *committed* myself to Christ."

Reader, is your religion a religion of habit? It need not be. You can have a personal, vital relationship with Jesus Christ. You can be committed fully to Him. Thousands of young people and adults are making this "all out" surrender. Will you join this select group by committing your talents, your ambitions, your life to Jesus Christ now? ●



Robert Humbertson

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ALMOST A MIRACLE

by Donald S. Aultman

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Campers and counselors play volleyball at the Alabama Youth Camp



Music class in South Carolina camp



Youth in prayer at Pennsylvania camp



Michigan senior camp at Yankee Springs

ANY ANALYSIS OF the reasons for the phenomenal successes of youth camp in the Church of God must include a recognition of divine guidance. From the beginning, God had His hand on this program and it grew with His blessing. The first signs of interest in youth camp became apparent in the early forties. During the summer of 1942, Georgia State Youth Director, R. C. Muncy, conducted a series of "youth camp meetings" in five sections of that state. The Jesup camp was signally blessed and the five nights originally planned extended into a youth revival lasting 13 weeks.

The first youth camp to be officially reported was conducted in Louisiana in 1948. Seventy-seven youths enrolled in this camp which featured, among other things, a sermon on Thursday night by Cecil Knight, a promising young pastor from Laurel, Mississippi. The State Overseer was the Reverend John L. Byrd. Another of the first youth camps was the 1949 Washington-Oregon Camp conducted by Overseer R. C. Muncy at the Burnt Ridge Camp in Onalaska, Washington. There were forty-two in attendance. The featured speaker in this camp was Charles W. Conn who had been recently selected as editor of the *Lighted Pathway*. Muncy was the same progressive leader who had conducted the 1942 "youth camp meetings" in Georgia.

The new position of National Youth Director, capably filled by Ralph Williams, aroused the church to the needs of its young people. And it was in this climate of a "great awakening" to the important place youth work should have in the total ministry of the church that youth camp forged ahead impressively. Some called it the most effective single youth program in the history of our church.

As a young minister, I personally was moved deeply when I viewed these new horizons. As State Youth Director of Texas, I went before the ministers of that state in 1950 and asked for a youth camp. They supported me in this effort and in June, 1951, we conducted our first Texas Youth Camp on the campus of the International Preparatory Institute in San Antonio. Thirty-five youths attended this camp. Ten years later at the 1961 Texas Camp Meeting, I counted 17 of those first 35 campers singing in the choir on youth night.

The National Youth Department began to keep youth camp records in 1952. That year, three camps reported a registration of 377 with 38 conversions. By 1954, the number of camps reached 26 with 3793 campers. The 1959 records showed 45 camps and 7525 campers. This summer, after only 15 years of camping, we conducted 65 camps and registered 12,759. Conversions reached 2000 with 1384 sanctified, 1188 filled with the Holy Ghost, 1468 baptized in water and 685 joining the Church of God. (This does not include camps outside the United States and Canada.)

Again this summer, Tennessee surged into the lead in total campers. State Director, Leonard Townley, has shown great interest in this important work not only by his promotional efforts, but by also setting up the first Collegiate Camp in our church. Tennessee hailed this as one of their greatest strides forward in many years. A breakdown of the state leaders shows Tennessee ahead in six of seven areas.

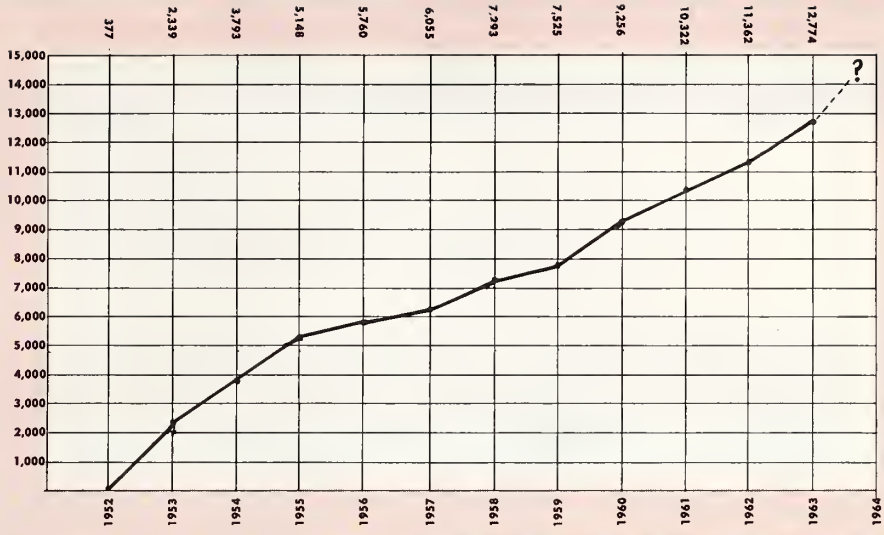
Number camps: Tennessee — 4

Leonard Townley, Director
Registered: Tennessee—1300
Converted: North Carolina—244
Robert Hart, Director
Sanctified: Tennessee—183
Filled with Holy Ghost: Tennessee—184
Baptized in water: Tennessee—236
Received in Church: Tennessee—122

There are many other states worthy of recognition for outstanding work. North Carolina continued its great camping program enrolling 1123 campers. Florida moved into the company of the big camps as State Director Philemon Roberts reported that 1053 registered. This was a substantial increase for Florida. Other states having marked gains in enrollment include Georgia, Wallace Swilley, Director; Kentucky, Walter Mauldin, Director; Texas, Travis Porter, Director; Maryland, Delaware and D. C., Harold L. Chesser, Director; Arkansas, Joe Bailey, Director; Ohio, Milton Parsons, Director; Virginia, Hoyt Stone, Director; Washington, Bob Moore, Director; New Mexico, David Ellis, Director; and Pennsylvania, Robert Vance, Director. States having youth camp for the first time included Nebraska, J. Max Kent, Director and New Jersey, William A. Thompson, Director.

Mississippi's Paul Henson voices the universal complaint of almost every state director. "Too crowded" he says. It's true. We have outgrown our facilities in nearly every camp. The immediate answer to this problem is to add more weeks to the camping calendar. Soon, we believe, every available week from May to September on every Church of God Camp Ground will echo with the happy voices of young people at worship and at play in the wholesome environment of a Church of God Youth Camp.

As we move ahead, we pause to commend men like Brother Byrd and Brother Muncy for their forward thinking in the forties. And let us say "Thank you" to the thousands of unnamed counselors who have worked faithfully each summer, building a dynamic youth camp program in the Church of God. To me, it's almost a miracle.



Excerpts From Youth Camp Reports

ALABAMA—Cecil Guiles, Director

Junior ". . . On Friday morning in the baptismal service, 26 juniors were baptized in water and 22 stepped forward to become members of their home church."
Senior Boys ". . . The afternoon was filled with swimming, volleyball and softball."
Senior Girls ". . . My, how the rafters were lifted as the girls triumphantly sang 'Saved by the Blood' . . . one of our evening devotions took place at the lake on a small peninsula surrounded by the handiwork of God. We lifted our voices in songs which echoed and re-echoed through the hills."

MIGHIGAN—Fred Swank, Director

Teen ". . . 'Yankee Springs here we come!' This was the shout echoed by teens from every nook and corner of the state as we converged on Long Lake Outdoor Center."
Junior ". . . Fifty-eight boys and girls confessed Christ as their Saviour and were baptized in water. On the final night, 33 presented themselves for membership in the Church of God."

VIRGINIA—Hoyt Stone, Director

". . . We reorganized our entire recreational program . . . the educational emphasis was enthusiastically accepted by our young people. This is attributed to our practical study courses prepared by a wide-awake National Youth Department and able teachers with concern for young people . . . the evening services of our camp were the high light of every day.
Dr. Donald M. Bowdle of Lee College was the speaker. His Junior Camp sermons on "Animals of the Bible" presented striking illustrations of little known biological facts which he related to spiritual needs.
His Senior Camp sermons, "Finding My Place in the Service of Christ," riveted the attention of the teen-agers to the modern-day issues of life and pointed them to God's answers in Jesus Christ and the Church."

WYOMING—Julius Martin, Director

". . . Our second annual youth camp was conducted at Camp Grace. You received the feeling of being close to God up there on the mountain."



The most important people in the Alabama camp

1963 YOUTH CAMPS

Number Registered

Tennessee	1,300
North Carolina	1,123
Florida	1,053
South Carolina	793
Georgia	755
Ohio	678
Texas	519
Kentucky	503
Alabama	488
Virginia	458
Maryland, Delaware, D. C.	434
Pennsylvania	380
Illinois	377
West Virginia	371
Mississippi	299
California	274
Michigan	258
Indiana	246
Arkansas	223
Washington	210
North and South Dakota	170
Louisiana	161
Minnesota-Wisconsin	152
Missouri	152
Kansas	130
Oklahoma	128
Canada (Western)	124
New Jersey	121
New Mexico	112
Arizona	104
Iowa	104
Montana	102
Oregon	101
Idaho	69
New England States	68
West of Mississippi (Spanish)	61
Colorado	52
Nebraska	42
Alaska	37
Wyoming	25

Campus Call

The Origin of Life

Edited by Norman D. Jones, Editorial Assistant
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Involved and motivated are two key educational descriptives for the students of Dr. Robert O'Bannon who is teaching his first year in biological science at Lee College. Dr. O'Bannon received his Ph.D. in science from the University of Florida.

Feeling strongly that current opinion concerning the origin of life is often a detrimental danger to a Christian's faith, Dr. O'Bannon agreed to share with *Campus Call* readers some of his views.

Campus Call invites your reaction to this page. Let us know what *you* think.

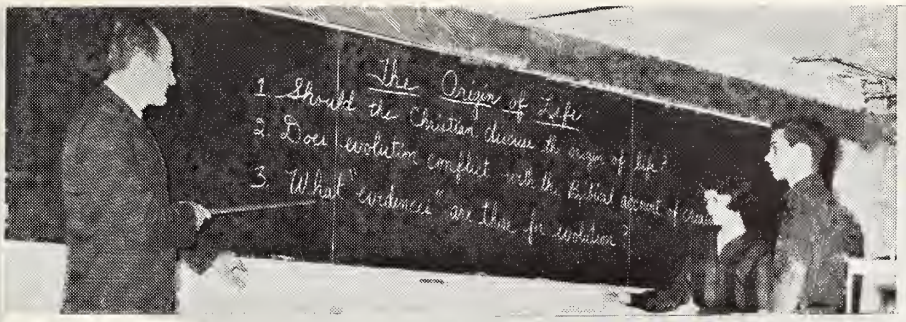


Robert O'Bannon, Ph.D.

1. Should the Christian discuss the origin of life?

A large majority of educational institutions are now teaching that all life arose from small organisms into the many forms present today through a process termed "evolution." Nearly all college and high school textbooks, as well as the instructors who use them, are strong adherents to this theory of evolution. The theory has been so well accepted in some ranks that it is no longer referred to as a theory but as the "principle of evolution."

To ignore the impact of such ideas upon our society, particularly among college students, is to overlook one of the greatest dangers to the Christian faith and perhaps the greatest single factor responsible for forming the secularistic society in which we live. If this theory were being used only to explain some scientific phenomenon, the Christian could remain unconcerned and uninformed about such matters. However, the net result in the lives of many who have accepted this theory as fact has been a complete destruction in one's belief of the Biblical account of creation. This is automatically followed by disbelief in the Word of God. A final consequence is a disbelief in a Supreme Being since He is no longer needed to explain the existence of life. Therefore, it becomes extremely important for the Christian to discuss with some understanding the origin of life.







2. Does evolution conflict with the Biblical account of creation?

Regardless of the answer given, one finds himself confronted with difficulties. Was there life on earth before the accepted time of creation? Was Adam really the first man? Do the days of creation recorded in Genesis 1, correspond with the days we have today, particularly the first three days since the Sun and Moon were not created until the fourth day? Could "two of every kind" of animals on the earth today get in an area the size of Noah's ark? If man did evolve from lower forms, when did he become a living soul? Did God direct such a process as evolution (Theistic evolution)? These are but a few of the questions that are encountered in intelligently answering such a question.

A certain amount of changes within a given family of plants and animals cannot be denied and can appropriately be termed as "evolutionary changes." Such changes are scientifically understood and are not contrary to the Scriptures. However, the belief that all life arose from one-celled animals meets much difficulty in harmonizing with our present concept of an eternal, omnipotent creator.

3. What "evidences" are there for evolution?

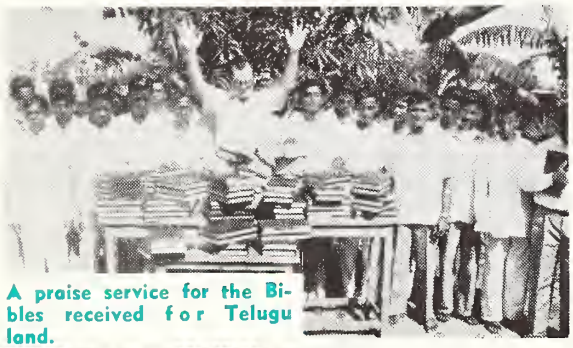
Many sincere Christians have tried to fashion their religious philosophies so that they do not conflict with the "evidences" of evolution which have been offered. Simply speaking, their trend of thought has been: "Science is great. Science has contributed much to life. Science is characterized by truth. Science supports the theory of evolution. Therefore, if I am to be educated, I must also accept it." This type of reasoning has unconsciously swayed some people in the Church of God, but few have been persuaded to evolution because they have studied the "evidences" and then made their decisions.

The "evidences" for evolution are not characterized by the scientific validity common to most other scientific contributions. Many of the arguments that have been given (Morphology, Anatomy, Embryology, Physiology, etc.), rather than indicating a common origin (as the theory of evolution supposes), offer more support to common designer, creator of all life, the Almighty God. ●



IS IT TOO LATE?





A praise service for the Bibles received for Telugu land.



Brother Raja Rao, a former student, is the Sunday School and Youth evangelist for the Telugu Field.



Daniel is a student in the Telugu Bible School and has good potentials.

By Harold L. Turner

Church of God Missionary to India

INDIA, WITH A population of four hundred and fifty million people, has six hundred thousand villages that have never heard the name of Jesus. They have never seen or heard of the Bible that portrays Him. This vast country presents a great challenge to us who are working here.

I was in Masulipatam on an evangelistic mission when a very learned Telugu pundit (teacher) came to see me. His shoulders were bent from the weight of time, his face deeply lined and his eyes still had a sharp quickness and distinction. He spoke English very well. He related his pious life, telling of the many gods that he worshiped in many of India's sacred places. He told of his extensive pilgrimages to holy rivers and temples. He spoke of his prayers and offerings to the gods. For many years he had tried to rid himself of sin.

I listened intently. After he had spoken in great detail I told him that I was very glad to meet such a pious man of our beloved Telugu land. I told him that I wanted to ask him one question in view of his ripe age, his bent shoulders and furrowed brow. He bade me ask. I said, "Do you have hope of resurrection from death?" Straining to raise his bowed head the learned pundit looked up and sadly answered, "No, I never heard of mortal man getting resurrected."

With kindred joy that Mary had at the empty tomb, I told him the greatest of all true stories. I told him that Jesus is Lord of Life, Death and Resurrection. He listened, absorbing every word. For a long time he was deeply quiet and slowly he broke the thoughtful silence saying, "For me the message came too late, I cannot grasp it, I cannot believe it. If only I had heard when I was younger and my mind was open. It is too late for me, I cannot believe it now."

Taking his worn cane, he left. The last thing he said was, "I heard of it too late." He had passed the point of no return. As I watched him feebly move on, my heart was breaking, and a new urgency gripped me. Afresh I was reminded that Jesus, Lord of Life, Death and Resurrection must be presented to the millions who can, who will hear before it is too late. It is said that sixty per cent of India's children are in school. India's mind is opening. What will fill it? The Church must rise to meet the demand of the opening mind of India.

Power and prayer, literature and Bibles, and consecrated youth in our Bible schools must march forward in India with the Church's triumphant message of the gospel before it is too late. ●

By Hubert P. Black

REFLECTIONS ON THINKING

MUCH HAS BEEN written concerning the process of thinking and theories on how we think and how we learn have evolved through the centuries.

"Why bother with the subject?" you might ask. "We just think and that is all there is to it." I submit that the process of cognition is of the utmost importance. How we act and how we feel depend almost exclusively on what we think. One unthinking individual said, "We are what we eat." On the contrary, we are what we think. Solomon, one of the greatest thinkers of all, said, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

Possibly the oldest theory of how we think is the *Faculty Theory.* Adherents of this theory hold that the mind is made up of certain faculties or abilities such as memory, imagination, will, contemplation. It is believed that the mind can be exercised and developed through tedious tasks such as memorizing Latin and other difficult content. Thinking then is using one of the faculties, thus increasing its strength to perform in isolation.

Another theory, similar to the above, is the *Mental States Theory.* The mind is considered to be a well to "fill up" with facts and apperceptive masses. These facts are stored in the well and when several facts or perceptions stick together an idea is formed.

A more recent theory of how we think is the *Behavioristic Theory.* The mind is a part of the organism and is primarily physiological. Thinking is the process by which a person receives a stimulus and responds or acts in a manner which he has been conditioned to act by previous stimuli. According to this theory man thinks on the level of other animals. He is a creature of habit. He learns to associate certain stimuli, which is r e c e i v e d through the five senses, with certain responses or ways of acting which have been "learned" by trial and error and have become habits. This theory gives very little credence to insight and cognition on a high level.

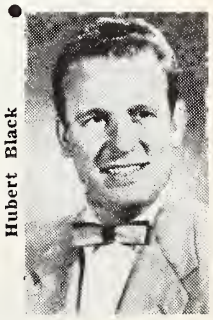
A theory that has revolutionized this area is the *Gestalt* or *Field Theory* of thinking. In this theory it is the "function" of the mind which is important. We perceive something in relationship to what we are going to do with it. We think about a fly ball in relationship to catching it. In this theory provision is made for "insight" or seeing the relationships existing in a situation. The Gestaltist knows that there are no isolated stimuli but there are hundreds operating about us at all times. We choose our own stimuli according to our purpose of the moment. No stimulus is really perceived unless we see some relationship between it and some purpose which we have.

Cognition or thinking, then, can be on a high level or plane. Man should not be content to think on the level of a mouse with which much experimentation is performed by some psychologists. Man alone, as far as we know, is a value thinking animal. He thinks not only in terms of what is, but also in terms of what ought to be.

What is the purpose of our reviewing these theories? Because the way we behave is contingent on how we think. There is a great army of people who never think except on the animal level. Young people in the Church are challenged to think on a high plane. Think through your values. Are they sound? Are they consistent? Are you living a lie? The Lord did not condemn the questioning disciple. Do not let others do your thinking for you. If you have never brought your beliefs, ideas, and values out in the open and examined them in the light of alternative beliefs, ideas and values, then you are not standing on the rock of a sure foundation but you are blindly following the interpretations and traditions with which you have been in contact.

There is a great satisfaction in reflection. One can reflect on the Lord Jesus from every conceivable alternative at his disposal. This will not weaken his adoration of Him, but rather will strengthen it. His trust is then built upon his own experience and reflection and not upon another's interpretation. Will you not be challenged to think on these matters of existence, life, truth, death and the meaning of it all? God will guide you as you resort to Him in Bible study, prayer, and counsel of others. ●

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Thanksgiving SPIRIT

By Irma Hegel

HELEN TONN, a sweater over her blue housedress, walked eagerly toward the battered trailer on the edge of camp. Martin had given her fifteen dollars to buy a turkey. and all the fixings. Gratitude for Martin's new job in a new state should be shared, Helen thought. It was Thanksgiving. What better way of expressing their thanks than to invite the three Canis over for dinner tomorrow. More than anything else, the Canis needed a good meal.

She saw Alison Cani sitting on the steps before the trailer. Gabriel was sleeping in her arms. It was odd, the two of them meeting in Florida as they had done. She and Alison had attended high school together back in Indiana, moved apart, and had never met again until this meeting at the trailer camp.

"Alison," Helen called gaily. "I've come over to invite you, and Alfred, and Gabriel to our trailer for Thanksgiving."

"Shhh." Alison placed a warning finger to her lips. Her eyes looked red-lidded in her pale face as if she had been crying. "Alfreds inside, and he's in one of his moods. Mrs. Folsom invited us for dinner, and Alfred says he isn't taking charity from his neighbors. Oh, Helen—" She hugged the sleeping Gabriel tighter to her. "There isn't anything to eat for *tomorrow*. Not even milk for the baby."

"Then why?" Helen's blue eyes opened wide in bewildered questioning.

"Alfred's independent. He always was. He's so sure his big opportunity is coming today or tomorrow. It never does. If only he could sell *one* picture."

"Let me talk to him," Helen pleaded.

"Go ahead. Only be careful."

Helen entered the trailer of the artist. Paintings were stacked everywhere behind the built-in furniture. A cookie tin held smears of paint in oily mounds. Several brushes stood in tumblers of cloudy water. Alfred looked up from the table. He wore a full beard at twenty-three and his green corduroy suit looked as if he had been sleeping in it. "Well," he greeted her. "Is this another Lady Bountiful come to ask the beggars for Thanksgiving?"

Defeat can do strange things to a man's spirit, Helen decided. She clutched her fifteen dollars forlornly. Maybe there were some things more important than food. She had a sudden inspiration. "I've come to buy a painting," she announced.

"To hang in your trailer?" Alfred laughed.

"Not exactly. Martin's boss has a birthday on Thanksgiving. Mr. Harvey's something of a collector even if he is in construction work. We have only fifteen dollars. I know your paintings are worth much more. But if you had something small—"

Alfred dug down into his paintings. He drew out a framed eight by ten picture. Helen stared at it, not knowing whether she was looking at it upside down or crossways. Blobs of color, wheels, pistons, lights. "This," said Alfred, "is what I call *Inspiration*. You may have it for fifteen dollars."

Helen felt a complete sense of helplessness as she counted the ten dollar bill and the five ones into Alfred's hand. It was too late to draw back now. "Thank you," she murmured, and taking the painting, fled.

Outside Alison kissed her warmly. "I listened. God bless you,



Helen," she sobbed. "I'll never forget you and Martin for this. The money and that confidence from even one sale mean so much."

There was still Martin to face, Helen thought. What was he going to say when she handed him this hideous smear in place of the turkey and food?

MARTIN, big and blond, was sitting in their neatly kept trailer. As Helen entered, the picture held before her, he began laughing. "Zowie! What's that? One of Alfred's?"

"I had to buy it, Martin. The Cainis have nothing to eat tomorrow, and Alfred wouldn't come here."

"Don't look so tragic. The question is, have we got anything to eat for tomorrow now?"

"We could warm over the stew that was left today."

"So we'll eat warmed-over stew. Payday's Friday."

"Oh, Martin, you're so good." Helen hugged her husband.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift, Martin quoted from Psalms. "And speaking of the unspeakable gift," he paused, pointing at the painting. "What are we going to do with that?"

"I remembered Mr. Harvey's birthday is tomorrow and that the men are pitching in to buy him a gift. I thought—well, Mr. Harvey does buy a painting now and then for his home in Virginia."

"We've already bought Mr. Harvey a wallet. I'm supposed to present it to him tonight. Wrap up your picture for an added gift, Helen. If it gives the boss nightmares, he'll still have the wallet for compensation."

Helen started omelets for their supper. Back home in Indiana, she knew her mother was preparing pies. She could almost smell the spices, and see the huge drawn turkey in the refrigerator. Martin should have had a real Thanksgiving dinner. He worked so hard on that bulldozer all week. No money put by either. They had spent that in their trip south, for construction men had to move where the work was. One comforting thought—because they were thankful, they were giving. *Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me,* (Matthew 25:40).

"Say," said Martin, returning home that night. "Harvey was actually pleased over that screwball painting. He was calling everybody in to look at it."

Helen brightened. "Maybe that will make our stew taste better tomorrow—at least we'll know the Canis are eating."

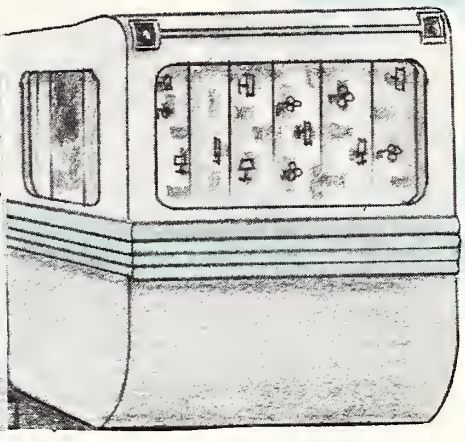
Thanksgiving turned out to be a blue-skied sunshiny morning, with palm trees waving their fronds in the mild breeze, the mockingbirds singing. Helen and Martin rose early, and hiked the two miles into town for the church services. The magic of the music, and the inspiration in the minister's words gave them both an hour to remember. They walked home from the services with their hands clasped warmly together, the songs of gratitude still in their hearts.

Alfred was waiting at their trailer in his green corduroy suit now pressed. His young bearded face smiled at them. "I came over to invite you to a Thanksgiving dinner in our trailer, and I hope you won't be as big-headed as I was yesterday and refuse. Alison's turkey is almost done. You both belong at our Thanksgiving table because it was only after you'd bought my painting, Helen, that I had the gumption to bundle up six more. I carried them to an art dealer in town. He not only bought all six, he wants more. Tourist trade arriving—a potential market."

"I'm so grateful," Helen said, clasping Afred's hand. "Congratulations."

"I'm not sure I deserve that, Helen. I've been acting like a sulky kid, not getting his own way. It may sound strange coming from me but this I know—Thanksgiving with a prayer, and friends like you, is the only real Thanksgiving in a trailer, a palace or anywhere in the world."

Martin hugged his arm about the young artist's shoulder. "That just about sums it up. Come on along. I'm hungry for that turkey." ●



A Story For Children

MARK'S PUMPKIN



By Esther Miller Payler

I'M NOT PLANTING any pumpkins this year, Mark," said his father, "but if you want to plant some for jack-o-lanterns, you may have that space near the barn."

"Thank you, Dad. I always win a prize for the best jack-o-lantern and I don't want this year to be any exception," grinned Mark, his blue eyes shining.

Mark planted a strip of ground near the barn with hills of four pumpkin seeds in each. Every day he stopped to look at the patch. Soon there were tiny green curls coming through. "I'll have lots of jack-o-lanterns," laughed Mark. "I'll make them all look different."

"Let me have a few," said Bertha, who lived on the next farm. "We aren't raising any pumpkins this year."

"Maybe I'll let you have one or two," teased Mark.

Every day the vines were spreading longer fingers along the ground and there were many fuzzy green leaves. "Look at all of the yellow flowers!" said Mark. "There will be lots of pumpkins!"

"You'll be sure to win the prize," said Bertha, "with so many jack-o-lanterns!

"I hope so," said Mark. "I've won every year since I started to school!"

Bertha sighed: "I wish I could win just once! I know just the kind I am going to make!"

One day Mark went swimming in the pond. When he came home he saw Bertha trying to chase the pigs out of the pumpkin patch. "I was in a hurry and forgot to lock the gate," said Mark. "They spoiled my pumpkins!" He felt like crying but couldn't in front of Bertha. Some of his biggest pumpkins were mashed flat and some of the vines were torn from the ground.

"Looks like a big pumpkin and a little one are all that's left," said Bertha. "I have a secret about mine!"

Two days before Halloween Mark and Bertha picked the pumpkins. "You take the little one," said Mark. "I'll keep the big one." Bertha said nothing but took the little pumpkin and went home. The next morning when Mark got on the bus with his big jack-o-lantern, he said "Let me see yours."

"Not now!" said Bertha, holding tight to the sack she carried. "It's a secret until we get to school." At school all of the pumpkins were placed at the front of the room. Mark saw at a glance his was the biggest. He was sure the prize would be his again.

Bertha took her pumpkin from the sack. "Look!" all cried and started to laugh.

"Looks like a goblin!" said the teacher.

"I like the cap with the curly stem!" said one of the girls.

"I like the way the eyes turn upward as if he's smiling," said a boy.

Soon the judges came into the room. Mark saw them glance at his jack-o-lantern, but he saw them lift up Bertha's goblin and turn it around and all of them smiled. Bertha got the first prize blue ribbon and the book. It was the one about Indians which Mark wanted. On the bus going home, Mark sat as far from Bertha as he could. He did not want to see the blue ribbon which she had pinned to her coat. Bertha came back to him and handed him the book: "Mark, I want to give you the book, since you gave me the pumpkin."

"I kept the big one. I was selfish. You keep the book." Mark's face was red. "You deserve the prize."

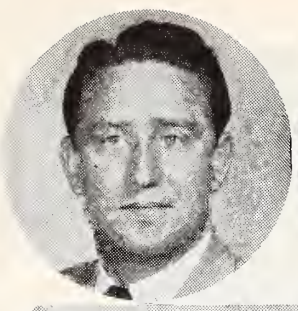
"No, you raised the pumpkin, so I want you to have the book. I'm happy to have the ribbon and to have won the prize," said Bertha.

"Thank you," said Mark. "Let's give our jack-o-lanterns to the children's hospital instead of keeping them for ourselves."

"Fine," said Bertha. Her grin was as broad as that of the jack-o-lanterns, and so was Mark's. Sharing was more fun than winning. ●

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By Jerome F. Mueller, Minister of Education and Music

HAVING REALIZED the necessity in our community for a Kindergarten and Day Care Center, the North Cleveland, Tennessee, Church of God decided to take such steps as were necessary to organize, develop and maintain an adequate program that would meet this need. The adopted motto, "Growing to serve God and the community, appropriately stated the major objective of this endeavor.

Anticipation was the keynote of September 3, 1963, our grand opening day. Twenty-six boys and girls walked through the Kindergarten and Day Care Center entrance. Expectancy, excitement, and some degree of hesitation could be detected on the face of each new arrival.

For the kindergarten enrollee it was the beginning of a new world long dreamed about, when at last he or she would occupy his or her own seat in a schoolroom filled with books, clocks, paints and brushes, pictures, puzzles, trucks, doll beds, and many other things designed for the wonderful world of childhood. For the teacher this day brought a challenge—a room filled with alert and open minds, eager and ready to follow wheresoever she may lead them.

For the day care child it meant shiny new toys, planned activity, lunching and napping with friends, and an entire day of excellent care while Mother and Father worked. To the day care workers it required the learning of new stories, an exploring and vivid imagination, and most tender loving care for each little one placed in their charge. To the director and committee it was the fulfillment of many ideas, hopes and plans which had now merged into a reality.

The pastor, the Reverend Doyle Stanfield, realized a long-range vision now coming to pass. Through the minds of parents passed many thoughts on this day. Some confronted a new frontier into which they were releasing their child. Others felt a surge of inward peace in realizing the opportunity of such an atmosphere carefully planned to meet the everyday needs of their boy or girl.

In general a child will experience these activities in the course of his day: work period, sharing time, story time, music time, outdoor play, rest time, and snack time.

We believe that what happens to children in their earlier years is of life-long importance. Therefore, through the agency of the Kindergarten and Day Care Center our church feels that it is providing for the child a time of exposure to wider and more varied interests which is necessary for the development and encouragement of a well developed child.

The association with religion and spiritual entities that the children necessarily become a part of is of untold benefit to the moral development of the children of our community whom we are seeking to serve. ●

Let's Be Thankful

By Katherine Bevis

THANKSGIVING DAY, unlike Christmas and Easter, has no direct connection with some experience of Jesus while on the earth; however, it developed as man counted his blessings.

The act of giving thanks is an ancient practice. God blessed Israel, and the people acknowledged these blessings with praise and gladness. "Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God . . . and I will exalt him" (Exodus 15: 1, 2).

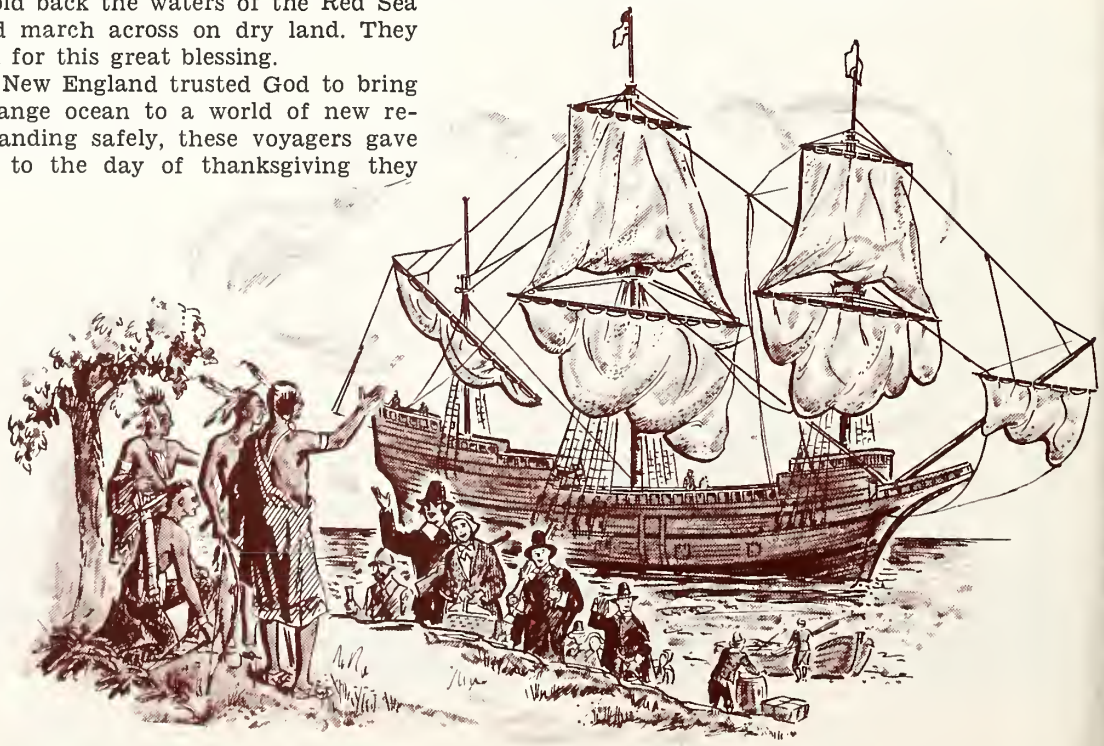
Israel did not specify any particular holiday here, but we can be sure that this was Israel's Thanksgiving, and that they held many others as they recognized the blessings of God to them. Man always looks to some power outside himself which is greater than himself to which he can attribute praise for blessings received.

To some Thanksgiving means merely a day for sports activity, to others it is a time of family reunions and feasting. In order that this day may have its proper place in the observance of holidays, it should be a day in which we take time to express gratitude to God for His many blessings. Israel dared to trust God to hold back the waters of the Red Sea so that they could march across on dry land. They thanked their God for this great blessing.

The Pilgrims of New England trusted God to bring them across a strange ocean to a world of new religious freedom. Landing safely, these voyagers gave great significance to the day of thanksgiving they proclaimed by actually making its observance a matter of religious activity. While it is not indicated that the complete day was spent thus, it is indicated that the day is called Thanksgiving Day because of their giving thanks on that day. Neither is it suggested that thanks were not given on any other day, but this one day was specifically designated for that purpose.

On this Thanksgiving Day, 1963, *let us be thankful!* We are all aware that the world has a strong bid to use all of a Christian's time, particularly that of our youth. While we live in this power-conscious and mentally frustrated world, may we accept the exhortation found in Colossians: "And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Colossians 3:15-17).

Let's thank God! In acknowledging our blessings, let us have a time of thanksgiving on this Thanksgiving Day, 1963. Let us "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name" (Psalm 100:4). ●



LEE BREAKS RECORD

By Clyne W. Buxton,
Editor

ON September 12, 1963, Lee College began its fall semester with a record-smashing enrollment of six hundred and sixty students. As the new students crowded into the college auditorium for the formal opening, an air of eager anticipation pervaded the atmosphere.

Wondering how they would like their roommates, their courses, or their dormitory rooms, the students came to the auditorium. They soon forgot their immediate problems as President Hughes carried on the service and as the Reverend Paul L. Walker brought the message.

Students came from faraway countries to study at Lee this fall, including India, Jordan, Germany, South Africa, and Peru, among others. With the slogan, "A Campus of Christian Scholarship," the institution also attracted students from throughout the nation.

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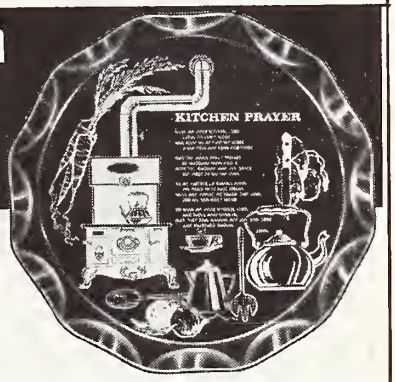
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Dailys Chapel, Alabama	647
Fresno (Temple), California	640
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina	620
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida	468
Samoset, Florida	393
Oak Hill, West Virginia	375
Grand Ridge, Florida	339
Rock Hill, South Carolina	335

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

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South Carolina	22
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Florida	15
Oklahoma	15
Ohio	13
North Carolina	10
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Cleveland (South), Tennessee	207
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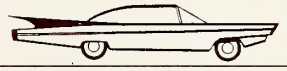
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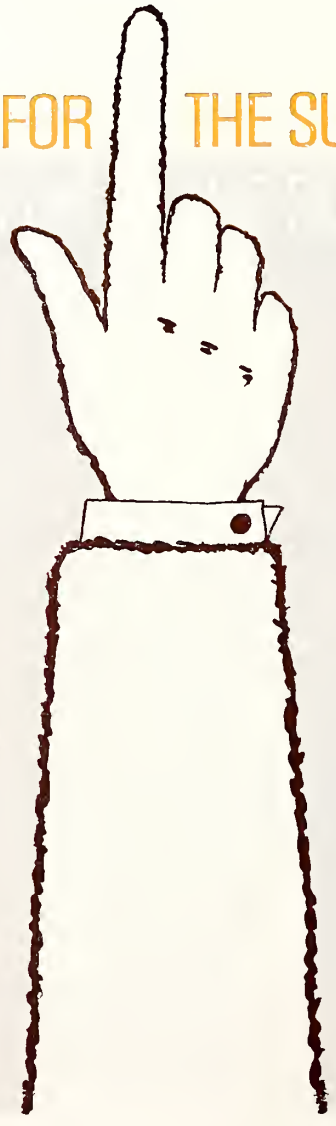


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This Christmas

MANY BIBLICAL SCHOLARS agree that Christ was born on or near the date, December 25. *When* He was born, however, is not as important as the simple fact that He was born. In Christ's day there is no hint of celebration on His birthday. Note what the Bible states about a certain December 25: "And it was at Jerusalem the feast of the dedication, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple in Solomon's porch" (John 10:22, 23).

The Feast of Dedication, instituted by Judas Maccabaeus in 165 B. C. to celebrate the purification and renewal of the Temple, began on the twenty-fifth of Chislev (approximately December). As Jesus walked on Solomon's porch on this date, the Jews accosted Him with the statement, "If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not" (John 10:24, 25). On that day (perhaps Christmas Day), Christ Himself was assuring men that He was the Messiah, that though He was born of an earthly mother, He was the Son of God. The Jews rejected His words.

Likewise, on December 25, 1963, many persons, like the Jews of Scripture, will profess to be searching for Christ, but will not accept Him if brought face to face with Him. Men will look for Jesus in tin foil, Christmas trees, and twinkling lights. Some will strain so hard to see Him they will overlook Him. Like the Jews on Solomon's porch, some will not recognize Him though He is not far from any of us (Acts 17: 27).

In these materialistic days we need to return to the Christ of Christmas. The Lord's birthday has degenerated into a spending spree which results in bulging money bags for the merchants and totally disrupted budgets for the customers. The Lord's birthday should be a time of reverence and thankfulness; but because of the advertisers and current trends, it is a time when neighbors try to out-do and out-give the people next door, not that the giving is meant to honor God who gave His Son, but rather to appear more philanthropic than others.

The Christ of Christmas is the Prince of Peace. Some day He will reign worldwide as the King of Peace. Nevertheless, His followers do not have to wait until the Millennium for His peace; for, as the angels stated on the initial Christmas, Christ's coming brought peace on earth and good will to men. It is doubtful that God intends for man to spend the entire yuletide season pushing and pulling at the bargain counter, rushing here and there, and cooking and eating, to the exclusion of waiting before the Prince of Peace, worshiping Him as Lord and King. Oren Arnold says, "Everybody'd be happier this Christmas if we'd just cut the cost and revive the reverence." Men are still called wise who, like the men from the East, seek out Christ to pay Him homage.



Christmas originated with a gift when God gave His Son to the world. Christmas is still a time of giving. A miser must have a wretched time at this season which stands out as a period of generosity. God set the example by giving His only Son; the wise men followed it when they gave their gifts to the Christ-child, and this year we will give gifts. Yes, this Christmas we will give and forgive, because that is the spirit of Christmas. ●

Clyne W. Buxton



The SPIRIT of CHRISTMAS

By KATHERINE BEVIS

WHAT IS IT that stills for a day the feverish stir of man's industry and locks the door of shop and countinghouse? What is it that knits anew the web of old friendship on Christmas Day? What is it that floods a myriad of homes with light and laughter and love giving? What is it that causes all the world to set about making the little children happy, and turns thoughts of good men and women everywhere to the poor and the lonely?

History tells us that it was into a world of moral and spiritual decay that the Baby of Bethlehem was born, and it was through His coming into the world that the spirit of Christmas brought the love of heaven down to this earth. It was some nineteen hundred odd years ago that Christ was born, and into this world came divine significance of love.

It may have been a clear night, that night long ago when shepherds tended their flocks on the hillside of Bethlehem. It was a startling night for these simple folk, for they heard the good news from the angels of heaven.

And now, almost two thousand years later, the simple and honest people rejoice to hear the same good news. With sincere heart, the angelic message, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men," is received and its accomplishment desired.

It is the spirit of Christmas—the gleam of a star! The echo of an angel's song! The smile of the Holy Child! And as long as there is wonder in the eyes of little children, and the heritage of love in the hearts of men from that long ago miracle in Bethlehem, the spirit of Christmas will walk the earth in its due time, not to be commercialized or distorted of meaning, but tall and shining and indeed wondrous to see.

Christmas commemorates the divine gift of love. It is a happy time, a time of loving and of sharing.

The spirit of Christmas! The world today needs this miracle. May we each, as we know the joy of Christmas with our own loved ones, return to Christ in a small measure the love and service given us. May the light of our individual example, of our love and good will toward mankind, shine before all men, showing the true spirit of Christmas.

The birth of Christ changed the history of the whole human race. The Christmas meaning has not changed through all the ensuing centuries. It is still the same in our troubled world today, and the assurance those people felt on that first Christmas should be ours. Our spirit and our faith should be revived and renewed as we gather inspiration from the spirit of Christmas. ●

A MERRY AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TO ALL!



YOUR *Personality* COUNTS

By LUCILLE WALKER

PERSONALITY, WHAT A magic word it is. The telephone rings and the girl at the employment office hears for the umpteenth time: "I am not looking for an expert typist or for a scholastic genius; what I want is someone with a good personality."

Pick up a book on *How to Succeed* and in italicized print you read: "The most important requirement in becoming an executive is your ability to get along with others—your personality."

The teacher-training text declares: "The qualities best liked in a teacher are not superior knowledge and ability, but human personal qualities." The preacher, the salesman, the politician, and others will all nod in agreement, attesting the importance of this item.

Every individual has a personality, but not all personalities are good. We recognize superior personalities when we meet them, but too many people suffer from defective personalities. It is a well-known fact that more people lose their jobs from personality defects than from lack of skill.

When college students were asked to rate 122 topics in order of student interest, the topics that headed the list were "How to Understand Personality Problems" and "How to Improve Personality."

What then is this "magic" item that seems so vital to our success and happiness and is so much in demand? A simple definition is: *It is the way one affects other people.* It has also been defined: *Personality is an elaborate pattern or combination of all a person's characteristics.* People like or dislike you according to the way you make them feel when they are in your presence.

When we begin to analyze our personality or to take personality tests, we list such categories as:

The way you look—your hair, skin, height, weight;

The way you dress—neatness, cleanliness, choice of clothing;

The way you talk—tone, quality, volume, speed, vocabulary;

The way you walk—(rise or sit), poise, stride;

The way you act emotionally—moods, anger, cheerfulness;

The way you act intellectually—reasoning, alertness, response;

Your philosophy of life—ideals, standards, character

The things you do—versatility, skills, hobbies.

These are both inherited and acquired. The physical traits such as eyes, height, size of feet are largely the results of heredity. But personality is essentially acquired. *It is developed as you meet the experiences of life.* Two people are in similar accidents. Both become crippled. One gets sour, embittered and makes life miserable for all about him. The other accepts the experience and becomes an inspiration of courage and cheerfulness to all who know him. *What personality habits are you developing as a result of your experiences?*

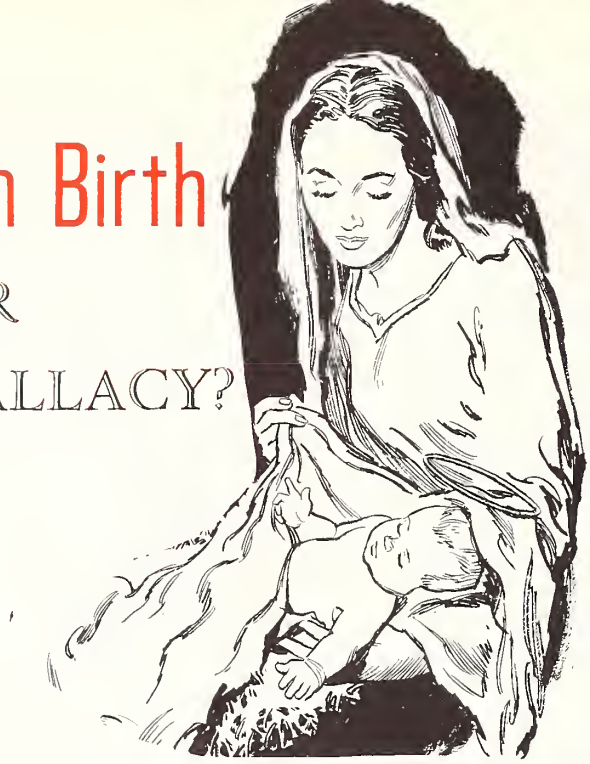
Don't seek personality directly. It is a by-product. If you would have a likeable personality don't concentrate on YOU; concentrate on others. Discover how to give them greater enjoyment. Think of every individual as someone who likes you and someone you would like to make happy. Respond to the best in other people. Let Christ supply all your needs so that you may say to others: "Such as I have, give I unto thee."●



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The Virgin Birth

FACT OR FALLACY?



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PERHAPS NO OTHER doctrine in the Bible has caused more intellectual and spiritual difficulty than that of the Virgin Birth of our Lord. Certainly no other doctrine has made it possible to detect more readily whether a man is a theological "conservative" or a "liberal."

In bygone years the greatest danger to the church of Christ was caused by attacks from without—from opponents such as Voltaire, Ingersol, Paine and Darwin. Today the menace which confronts the church is caused by attacks from *within*—from men who profess to be Christians.

In a noted newspaper there appeared a short while ago a series of informative articles on the role of religion in today's faiths and denominations. Among others, spokesmen for the three largest Protestant groups answered the questions as to whether the ministers and laymen of their churches believed in the Virgin Birth. They replied as follows:

Baptist: "A large majority undoubtedly do. A substantial minority do not. I know of no Baptist church that *requires acceptance of this doctrine* as a condition of baptism."

Methodist: "The great majority of Methodists continue to hold to this belief. Some *do not feel it necessary,* however, to believe that Jesus Christ was born without a human father in order to assert that He is the Only Begotten Son of the Heavenly Father; the Methodist Church does not disown this latter group so long as they believe in the Deity of Christ."

Presbyterian: "A great majority of Presbyterians undoubtedly believe that the entrance of Jesus into our world was by a miraculous birth. Some find *a symbolic, rather than a physical meaning* in the accounts of the birth of Jesus. Except in minor Presbyterian groups, the doctrine of the Virgin Birth is not used as a test of orthodoxy in receiving new members or in ordaining ministers and elders."

It is heartening to know that in each case "a majority" hold to the fundamental teaching of the Virgin Birth. However, the fact that "a substantial minority" do not, that "some do not feel it necessary," and that in all three instances belief in this doctrine is not deemed important enough to be considered a requirement for acceptance into the membership of the church, is a disquieting thought indeed to evangelical Christians, who consider the miraculous birth of our Lord to relate to the authority of the Word of God itself.

No serious question should arise with regard to interpretation here. Even the rankest infidel must confess that the Bible represents Jesus Christ as having been conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary. It appears to us that if one denies the teaching on this subject he has rejected the authority of the Book.

Luke tells how the angel prepared Mary (1:28-35) for the birth of Jesus. Not for a moment did Mary entertain any doubt as to the possibility and truth of the promise given her by the angel. Only as to certain details did she volunteer an expression of inward perplexity: "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" It would be a miraculous conception, the angel pointed out: "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall over-shadow thee: therefore, also that Holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." This is the answer to Mary's perplexity —how a mother and still a virgin? Because she would conceive by the power of the Holy Ghost, her virginity would not be affected.

It *is* important whether we accept or reject the validity of the Bible account of the Virgin Birth, since its significance pertains both to the person and work of Christ. As to His person, He was a real human being, since He was born of Mary. But He is also God (both God and man, one person in two natures) since He had no human father. Furthermore, being born of a virgin, Jesus Christ was sinless.

As to His work, the Virgin Birth of Jesus gave to us a divine Redeemer whose life became a ransom and a propitiation for sin. The very nature of redemption demands that the offering for sin be sinless and without spot or blemish! ●

Christmas and Whiskey



By MARIE BONEY

I WAS SEVEN years old when I first saw my father too drunk to stand unaided. It was Christmas Day of my first year of school. My mother explained that we couldn't go to Grandma's for dinner because Daddy was sick.

Wanting to comfort him, I slipped to the bedroom door. When I opened the door I saw my Daddy sprawled fully dressed across the bed and totally drunk. My mother came for me and quickly closed the door and sent me outside to play and to forget what I had seen.

A quarter of a century has passed and I haven't forgotten. The memory stays inside, and there are other memories: the other Christmases, which became horrors to be endured because they were merely long "egg-nog" parties, with Daddy's employees and friends crowding in our house; the material possessions we lacked, because the mounting liquor bills took the money; the fear that tomorrow he wouldn't be sober enough to work at all; the knowledge that in our town we, his family, were pitied; the constant fight against being dragged into self-pity; the search for a place—any place—to go, simply to escape home and its odor; the night he died, practically sober, *beneath the wheels of a drunken driver*. What stark irony his death!

Yes, there are other memories which still haunt me in lonely moments, but generally they have tended to gray with the passing of the years until now only one moment always returns with its first nauseating crispness: my dad drunk on Christmas Day when I was seven years old.

This is why I speak for social drinking. I, who have never tasted it, am an authority on liquor. I speak for the horror, the fear, the pity, and the odor of it. And who is better qualified to speak? I have seen this liquid seize a man and drag him down. I have watched him plunge from social drinking to regular drinking to total degradation and death. He was my father; he was stolen from me by social drinking. ●





YOUTH in the local CHURCH



By WALLACE C. SWILLEY, Jr.

MORE THAN SIX hundred teen-agers have sounded off on how they feel about church and parents in answer to a prepared questionnaire. Were they surprising? Yes! Informative? Without a doubt! Following are some of the answers to the questions.

To the question, *What does being a Christian mean?*, a thirteen-year-old boy said, "Nothing at all." Others made such statements as, "Being a Christian is my life. I cannot live without my Christ;" "It means more than anything else in the world to me. I know that my sins have been forgiven and should the Lord call me now, I am ready;" "There is not enough room for me to tell you," said one, "It is an assurance that my happy life will not end with death."

Now tell me, where can you find better answers than these latter ones?

With whom do you prefer to discuss your problems?, was asked. Here they felt they could discuss their problems more freely with teen-age friends. Next came public school teachers, then pastors and finally Sunday School teachers. This was very disappointing. It seems there is a need for pastors, youth leaders and Sunday School teachers to make themselves more available to our teen-agers. They desperately need someone full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom to listen to them. Only about one out of every four felt they could not talk to at least one of their parents.

They were also asked, *Which problem do you consider your most serious?* Of the twelve problems listed, "not being understood" and "temptation" were the most serious. "Boy-girl relationship," "studies" and "spiritual problems" were next and ranked very close to one another. Other problems, such as, financial, physical, sex, parents, choosing a career, brother and sister, and social were not as important as those listed above.

Another question asked was, *What is the biggest mistake parents make in raising teens?* Please note carefully these answers, "Not taking time to listen to their problems and not helping them with their mistakes." A fifteen-year-old boy said, "They don't know what their children are doing behind their backs." "Too much freedom," said another. Inconsistency; that is, strict on one thing and too loose on other things, was often given. "They don't teach us right from wrong and don't read the Bible and pray with us in home devotions," one youth said. The two mistakes listed most often were, "not enough discipline" and "not being understood."

Hear the cry of your teen-agers, Church of God! Listen to what they say and then let us fall on our knees as parents and leaders to ask God for wisdom and strength to answer our young people. All of us, not just pastors and youth leaders, must awake to these problems more than ever if we intend to keep our youth. God have mercy on us if we become so interested in other things that we neglect our young people. Someone put it well by saying, "What shall it profit me if I gain the whole world and lose my own children."

A few teen-agers answered thus, "I think my parents have done their best," but these were oh so few.

How easy for so many to forget that they were young once. Please let us take time for the youth in our local churches and try harder to help and understand them for the sake of eternity. ●



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The POWER of Words

By MARGIE M. MIXON

THE CHILD SHRANK from the volley of angry words delivered by her mother. The little wife cringed as her thoughtless husband belittled her efforts in the home. The sensitive secretary was discouraged for days over a tirade of unmeaningful words by an impatient supervisor.

Each time a person speaks, a revelation is made of himself. Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has aptly said, "The whirlwind on the tongue is the sign of the tempest in the soul. If there is envy in the heart, it will show in the tone of the voice. If there is love in the heart even the words share the flow. . . . The power of edifying speech increases with the improvement in morals."

Billy Graham, in his book, *The Secret of Happiness*, has said, "You can use your tongue to slander, to gripe, to scold, to nag, and to quarrel; or you can bring it under the control of God's spirit and make it an instrument of blessing and praise."

Solomon admonishes us that a wholesome tongue is a tree of life, and he that refraineth his lips is wise. The writer of Ecclesiastes warns us that a fool's voice is known by a multitude of words. James lets us know that if a person fails to bridle his tongue, his religion is vain.

"If you are suffering from headaches, upset stomach and aching feet, odds are you talk too much," an Italian physician told a business women's convention. He went on to say that too much chattering upsets both body and mind. "Put yourself on a diet of words," advised the doctor.

This particular physician had made a study of the elder folks and had discovered that most people over 100 years old have always been shy and retiring. "Few of them had critical words for relatives or neighbors, and some did not even bother to think about the important issues of the day," he said. "They were contented to be quietly serene, minding their own business." An unknown poet speaks of words thus:

"Only a word of anger,
But it wounded one sensitive heart;
Only a word of sharp reproach,
But it made the teardrops start;
Only a hasty, thoughtless word,
Sarcastic and unkind,
But it darkened the day before so bright,
And left a sting behind.

Only a word of kindness,
But it lightened one heart of its grief,
Only a word of sympathy,
But it brought one soul relief;
Only a word of gentle cheer,
But it flooded with radiant light
The pathway that seemed so dark before,
And made the day more bright." ●





Miss Margie Mixon, a laywoman of the Covington, Louisiana, Church of God, is a person of high reputation. Recently the members of her local church bestowed upon her the title of Teacher of the Year.

Campus Call

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Jerry works nights as receptionist at the new and ultra modern one-half million dollar Jewish Community Center. . . .

JERRY LABRONE McCARN is nineteen years of age and is a senior at the University of Chattanooga. His major fields of study are psychology, history, and political science.

A minister's son, Jerry has attended public schools in North Carolina and Texas. His father, the Reverend P. H. McCarn, is the overseer for the Church of God in West Virginia.

Both as a scholar and as a student leader, Jerry has set a high record of attainment, frequently serving as a student council representative. In high school young McCarn won awards for history, civics, math, physics, and chemistry.

While at Lee College he was named the outstanding math student and also the outstanding chemistry student for the 1961-'62 school year. The following year at Berkley College in West Virginia he captured that school's highest public speaking award.

What about sports? Jerry likes to participate in "most any kind of athletics," which may account for his working nights at the new one-half million dollar Jewish Community Center in Chattanooga. There he serves as receptionist, meeting many of the Center's members.

The unsolicited letter which is reprinted on this page came to the National Office from a successful businessman and member of the Community Center where Jerry works. By sharing this letter with *Campus Call* readers, it is our hope that the natural and consistent witness which Mr. Weisen describes will challenge students everywhere.

September 17, 1963

Reverend Mr. Cecil Knight
Youth Commissioner
Church of God
International Headquarters
Cleveland, Tennessee

Dear Reverend Mr. Knight:

I would like to take this opportunity to write you a note of thanks and congratulations on the splendid work that you are doing. I base my opinion of your work on one young man of your organization that I just recently met. His name is Jerry McCarn. I do not know if you are acquainted with him or not, but if you are not you should certainly meet him.

I am a Jew, and Jerry recently went to work as a receptionist at night in our Jewish Community Center here in Chattanooga. He is a perfect example of what all young men should be like morally. I asked him one night what a real Christian in his church was, and I think he fits in every way just what he described. Even though I am a Jew I am a little curious about other religions. Jerry gave me a copy of your youth paper The Lighted Pathway. It was an old copy but it was interesting. It contained a little article called "Meet Our Youth." I would like to suggest that if Jerry has never been featured that you consider him. If he has been featured then congratulations on a wise choice.

Sincerely,

George Weisen

George Weisen

why GO TO college

By STANLEY BUTLER

SHOULD I GO to College? If I go to college, will it profit my life?" These are questions that face every high school graduate.

Education isn't just a matter of going to school, earning credits, and degrees, it is a lifetime process of learning and growing. Education is power! "Know-how" spells the difference between success and failure. Skills are important in the process of training because skills are the product of knowledge plus training.

Carl F. Witthe summarized the ideal of a college education when he said:

"The Ultimate purpose of all education is wisdom and understanding, even more than knowledge, though understanding is impossible without knowledge."

Some reasons why one should attend college are:

COMPETITION

Competition will be keener in the future. For every two eighteen year olds today, there will be three eighteen year olds in 1965. By 1970, fifty-three percent of the population of the United States will be thirty years of age and younger. Where a high school diploma was necessary in 1900, a college degree is required now for the same vocation. The labor market is always changing, and jobs are on the increase; but automation is here, requiring more technical know-how than that required in high school.

NEED

The need will also be greater in the future. College graduates will fill most key positions of importance tomorrow. By 1965 we will probably need:

45,000 more doctors

75,000 more college-trained nurses

485,000 more elementary and high school teachers

120,000 more college teachers

80,000 more natural scientist

100,000 more engineers

Ministers and full-time Christian workers will be in greater demand.

TO PLEASE PARENTS

Some students go to college to appease parental ambitions. This can be good because many students find their place in life after one year in college. Parents are conscientious in wanting their child to get the education that they did not attain. Some didn't have a chance, some were busy making money or attaining position, and some did not see the need and value until it was too late. These dreams become a reality in their child. Therefore, even though one enters college merely to please parents, much good may be accomplished by it.

DISCIPLINE

One must learn to discipline time and money. A student will spend two thousand hours in classes, six thousand hours in study, and eight thousand hours in co-curricular activities and recreation. To profit from these hours demands self-discipline. Discipline to spend time in the library, laboratory sessions, and outside lectures is important to gain the knowledge to become intelligently curious.

FINANCIAL

Financially, four years of college are estimated as worth more than $178,000 in extra earnings. This means about forty dollars extra for each hour spent in the classroom. Many freshmen are beginning a four-year investment in their future this year. The financial part of the investment is important now, but in the long run it takes a back seat to the intellectual and emotional investment which will shape a life.

Many will build a character structure that will last for four decades, a structure that must stand up in a world of confusion and changing values. Future college students make up your mind today to plan to mold your future by attending college.

A small church-related college with emphasis on the individual plus meeting an academic standard is vitally important. All this with proper spiritual training makes Lee College the college with a future to train young people for a future of service to God and humanity. ●



Mr. Stanley Butler, M.A., has been registrar of Lee College for three years. Before this he was principal of the academy division of Lee for eight years. With his years of experience in the field of education, he is capable of giving sound advice concerning formal training.



St. John 14:3—"I will come again."

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

By G.W.Lane

THE FACT OF Christ's second coming is our source of strength in days of struggle. It is the gravitation that pulls us onward as allurements from the side would seek to entice. It is the Blessed Hope that lifts us in time of despondency and gives courage to travel on. It was the light that shined into Paul's prison to brighten his future as he knew the end of this life was near. It was by this light he wrote the words, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

You would think by reading these words that Paul had only a past upon which to reflect, and the total consistency of his life was only now a reminiscence over his past travels. But he, being in close contact with the Lord of Glory from whom he received all of his doctrine and direction, saw that more was in the offing than had before been offered. So, as he listened to the sharpening of the blade on the executioner's block, he picked up his pen and wrote one more word that connected all the places he had been to the one place he was going.

It pulled time forward to connect with eternity as he wrote, "Henceforth," which is to say "from this time forward," "there is a crown of righteousness which the Lord the Righteous Judge shall give me at that day: and not to me only but unto all them also that love his appearing." It was this persuasion that projected his thought past the prison walls and gave him clear understanding of the future provision for all Christianity.

I am happy to trust in the message he left with us as to the manner and order of future events. He understood the benefits of grace for his day. He told of the same for our day, and this gives me confidence in his knowledge of "That Day." I am not affected by the views and versions of those who do not understand today's spiritual indwelling when they tell me of tomorrow's schedule.

For this reason I look for the appearing of the Lord as He descends from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. At which time, "the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord" (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17). Paul was in the proper attitude to receive this timely truth which makes the difference between him and those who denounce the appearing of the Lord.

The coming of Christ is in two phases. First, the appearing of the Lord in the air and the catching away of the Christians to meet him in the air, at which time Christ does not come to the earth. Second, he and the saints who were caught away will return to set up the one thousand years' reign on the earth. This latter is the actual second coming of Christ of which the appearing is the first phase. This doctrine is not taught without controversy. There are those who cannot see the plan of God for our deliverance from sin's curse and bodily suffering, but regardless of acceptance or rejection on the part of the religionist, let us rejoice and comfort one another with these words. ●



With a rich background of experience, the Reverend G. W. Lane is a competent preacher and writer. He is proving his unique speaking ability as he ministers weekly on **Forward in Faith**, the international radio voice of the Church of God.

DEVELOP YOUR TALENTS



By EDWARD L. WILLIAMS

WHO IS THE most interesting person in the world? The answer is you. As you go about your activities of the day, your thoughts are likely to be concentrated on those things which are related to you. While thinking about yourself, you must not get bogged down in useless worry. You must set about making the most of what you have.

The first step in developing your talents is dedication. It should be your desire to find out what God's plan for your life may be and then dedicate yourself to that task in Christian service—whether it be a call to preach the gospel, to teach, to minister as a doctor, to be a farmer or a song leader in one's local church.

Dedication involves putting Christ first in your plans. If you put Christ first in your life, the goals you desire to attain will be worthy. However, temptations will come which will cause you to seek the easy path or to sacrifice Christian principles to achieve fame or wealth. Your desire to develop your talents must be Christ-centered. Always remember that life is a sacred stewardship.

The second step in developing your talents is participation. Participation in various activities of interest can help you "try out" your interest as well as your abilities. If you are interested in music, participate in the various musical activities of your church and wholesome musical activities at school. If you are interested in being an artist, there are many opportunities for you to develop this ability in your church, school or home. This will not only stimulate interest but will also heighten your ability.

It may not be possible for you to participate actively in the field of your interest. However, do not be discouraged because there are many books and pamphlets available for you to consider. Also, take advantage of subjects offered in school as they relate to your field of interest.

The final step to consider in developing your talents is application. The tragedy of the servant who received one talent in the parable of the talents, was not that he received only one talent but that he hid it. Do not belittle yourself because there are some things which you cannot do. Accept these limitations, but be proud of the things you can do and find a way to do them better.

God's will may be that you are to serve in some church-related vocation. However, just because you have not been called into church work is not an indication that God has nothing for you to do. Only a few are called into church-related vocations. The majority must seek employment in professions and business which are not directly related to Christ or His work. But Christ does intend that you be an example of Christian living in all you do. You are the best spokesman for Christ that many will see. Do your best for Him.

There is a place for you in life. You can best find that place by seeking God's leadership. Into whatever field of endeavor your talents may lead you, be determined to be of service to mankind on behalf of Christ. Christ needs you and you need Him. ●

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FATHER OSWALD

PEOPLES

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Oswald J. Smith

PERHAPS THERE IS no other man living in the 20th Century who has exibited a greater passion for souls than Dr. Oswald J. Smith, missionary statesman of Toronto, Canada.

From Embro Railway Station in Zorra as a lad in 1893 where his father worked as a telegraph operator, to the pastor of the leading missionary church on the face of the globe, his burning zeal for evangelization has not dimmed in the eventide of his appointed days; perhaps it has brightened with the passing of time.

Embro Station and Cody's Corners were always to remain in his fondest memories because it was in these environs that young Oswald first felt the call to the ministry. It was there that the old ditch digger with the red nose, an inveterate drunkard, was gloriously saved and began cottage meetings which the young lad attended with great ecstasy in the homes of the farmers. Again, it was there that his Sunday School teacher, Grace Featherson, said, "Any one of you boys might be a minister."

It was then that Oswald J. Smith said in his heart, "I will be that boy." And from that day to the day of his first sermon, he had no desire to be anything else, even though he was not saved at that time. This was a crisis in his life.

He, along with his younger brother, Gilmore, boarded a train on a cold wintry day in January, 1906, and railed from Embro Station to Toronto to Massey Hall and the great R. A. Torrey Evangelistic Campaign. Massey Hall, the place of his conversion at the age of sixteen, would one day be the place of his pulpit.

He says after 57 years:

"If I could go back to 1906, after having experienced the ups and downs of the Christian life, I would do exactly what I did then; I would again open my heart to the Lord Jesus and accept Him as my personal Saviour. And if I could go back to 1908, after having known the ups and downs of a minister's life, I would again decide for the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ; I would give my life once more to the greatest work in the world—the proclamation of the Gospel."

Two years after his conversion in the Torrey meeting, he began working as a colporteur among the Indians in British Columbia. This was to be a momentous adventure for the young minister; a time of extreme hardships; a time of dedication.

He recalls his many dangers and reviews God's protection:

"I was too young to be roughing it among Indians and construction men more than three thousand miles from home. Sin abounded on every side. Evil-minded men tried to take advantage of me. I was in constant danger. But God watched over me and brought me safely through. Blessed be His name!"

Later the young evangelist spent two years in the Toronto Bible College and three years in McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. It was while attending Bible College, in his early twenties, that missions became the supreme motive of his life.

This great minister, author, and song writer did not become so without a multitude of discouragements. His diary abounds with many anxieties:

"June 3rd, 1913: Sick and discouraged. My life seems so useless, so worthless. My dreams of service have never yet come true. Will I ever find God's place for me? I am doing so little, oh, so little."

"August 10th, 1913: Discouraged. No results. People indifferent. I am so tired and weak."

Dr. Smith's success is contributed to his unwavering faith in his Saviour's having a supreme task for his life—that of evangelization—and his undying effort to fulfill that task.

Dr. and Mrs. Smith have spent most of their lives pastoring in the great City of Toronto where they pioneered and built Toronto's great center of evangelism, The Peoples Church. There they have raised their children. From there they have circled the globe many times.



The name of Oswald J. Smith has become household language in every corner of the world. He has preached in the great forests and pioneer outposts of Russia, in crowded buildings in Poland, in the mammoth arenas throughout the world, many times to packed acres of humanity; and he is still going, breathing out his life for the Master.

Dr. Smith now serves as "Minister of Missions" of the renowned Peoples Church. His youngest son,

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Rev. Paul Brainerd Smith, B. A., D. D., became pastor on January 1st, 1959. Dr. Smith is now giving much of his time to missionary conventions and his writing ministry.

The Peoples Church has become a world leader in missionary giving. From $43,891.00 in 1930, the missionary offering last year exceeded $315,000.000. They now give support to 351 missionaries.

In their missionary efforts they have followed such mottos as:

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Paul B. Smith

"Why should anyone hear the Gospel twice before everyone has heard it once?"

"Give according to your income, lest God make your income according to your giving."

Some of the great missionary's most remarkable years were spent while yet a young man, roughing it among the Indians and Kentucky mountaineers and across the prairies on horseback. He carried the gospel news when canoe, cart, and horseback were the accepted ways of traveling. He has lived to carry the same gospel by way of jet airplane.

In the early days of his ministry, the young evangelist read his books ("Autobiography of Charles G. Finney," the novels of John Fox, "Paradise Lost," etc.) as he rode horseback across ridged mountains to preach the gospel. He would preach in schoolhouses, store buildings, open fields, and shaggy brush arbors. He cried out to God with tears and fastings in meditation for benighted, bewildered souls. He prayed long hours until God gave the victory and broke down opposing forces. People wept their way back to God!

His ministry in Kentucky was encumbered by a gang of evil men who blacked their faces and hid to do him bodily harm. God miraculously gave deliverance and vindicated His will by saving many souls in the "Turtle Creek Revival" and at Cawood.

The young minister's days of adventure and searching for God's will for his life would be realized in God's appointed time. The Saviour would send him back to Toronto, back home to a people, who, "as labourers together with God," would lead the greatest evangelistic crusade Toronto had ever known.

In British Columbia at a place called Jackson Bay, he and Dr. E. Ralph Hooper, his long-time Christian friend and physician from Toronto, were preaching to the lumbermen on the Pacific Coast. On the afternoon of July 11, 1919, as was their custom, they retired into the great primeval forests covering the mountain slopes to empty out their hearts to God in behalf of the work. On this afternoon, a mile or more from camp, they knelt to wrestle with God by an old tree that had fallen across a gulley.

The splendor of the great mountains rose before them; the forests shaded in the background; while only a few feet away the ocean swells treked upon the quiet shore. Just across the bay stood a lone cabin that housed a mother and her daughter. All things seemed apart from the busy world.

There they prayed! God was very near! It was at that moment that a vision bequeathing needy souls came upon his breast with unyielding pressure. He knew that God had spoken to him to return to Toronto.

More than 3,000 miles away from the city of his calling, his heart rejoiced within! Rising from his knees he left Dr. Hooper, walked along the shore, fervently praying and praising God, unable to restrain his feelings.

Later, God spoke to him, saying, "Behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it."

At 38 years of age he launched the work of the great Peoples Church in Massey Hall, Toronto's largest auditorium, then seating 3,400 people. Twenty-two years earlier he had walked forward in that same auditorium, grasped the hand of R. A. Torrey and proceeded to the enquiry room where he fell on his knees before the Saviour and surrendered all. Back in Toronto, now, in this great hall of memories, he was destined to lead thousands to Christ.

Forty-four long years have passed since that memorable day at Jackson Bay by the fallen tree where God spoke to his heart. But God does not make mistakes in those He calls or to the places He sends. He always vindicates His power in the appointed time.

Now, The Peoples Church has the largest evening attendance in the whole of Canada. That it is world famous is nothing short of miraculous. And God chose a boy from a country railway station to bring it into existence. ●

Star of Bethlehem

by Betty Swinford



RASHEED'S STEPS slowed visibly. His gaze, dark and brooding, lifted to the lofty minaret flung sharply against the blue vault of heaven. There the muezzin called the faithful to prayer. It was sunset, and a burst of crimson enflamed the western horizon.

"What is the matter with me?" he demanded and discovered that his voice was harsh with self-anger. "I have lived in Bethlehem all my life! Every single day for twenty-three years I have prostrated in prayer toward Mecca—three times a day for as long as I can remember!"

"There is no god but Allah; Mohammed is his prophet. There is no god but Allah; Mohammed is his prophet!" Rasheed uttered the words softly, over and over. He believed those words! They were his creed! He *did* believe them! More than ever before in his life, he must stand now for what he believed; for he must believe for both himself and Salome. Still, though the dark-

Illustrated by Freddie Coleman

haired young man repeated his creed several times, he did not pause this evening to bow toward Mecca and pray.

Rasheed glanced at the slowly gathering gray clouds and pulled the coat of his policeman's uniform a little more snugly about his neck. This Christmas Eve promised to be more than just cool!

"Of all places to be on duty tonight," he muttered to himself, "why did it fall my lot to stand guard over that silver star? Ironical. . . . The very thing that's separating me from Salome, and here I'll be spending Christmas Eve in the Church of the Nativity! To top it all," he mused half aloud, "a group of carolers will be singing for an hour or two there in Manger Square!"

Darkness was falling softly onto this ancient town as Rasheed Jalal paused before a quaint little house built of gray stone. With some hesitation, he went to the door and knocked. Surely, by now Salome was ready to listen to reason! She would have had enough of this—this *Christian* teaching by now and would be a more devout follower of Mohammed than she was before! All she needed was Rasheed to encourage her and—

The door opened and the slim, lovely girl winced against the sudden icy blast of air. Then, seeing Rasheed, the glad light of love rushed into her dark, oval-shaped eyes. "Rasheed, hello!" she cried softly.

"I have only a moment, Salome, before going on duty. Can we talk?"

"Of course!" She opened the door a little wider to permit him entrance. "Where are you working tonight?"

He flinched under her steady gaze, wishing she had not asked. "Guard duty," he said, his voice hardly audible, "in the Church of the Nativity."

She clasped her hands in an expression of joy. "How wonderful! Oh Rasheed, it will be a night you'll never forget! You'll see people from all over the world there tonight! Why, there will even be Jewish Christians who have been permitted through the Mandlebaum Gate in Jerusalem to make their way to Bethlehem for Christmas Eve!"

Jewish Christians? Somehow he hadn't thought of that.

"You—you aren't coming, are you?" he asked hopefully.

She smiled. "I hope to. Not to bow to the images or worship as I fear some do—but simply to thank God for sending heaven's Prince to die for my sins." Salome's dark eyes misted. "And to thank Him for becoming my Saviour, the Prince of my life."

Rasheed's jaw grew hard. He clenched and unclenched his fists. "Surely you can't be serious! You can't go on with this thing!"

Salome took one of his bronzed hands in her own. "This isn't something that wears off, Rasheed! Knowing Christ and living for Him grows richer every day!" Her eyes compelled him against his will to look at her. "Only Jesus Christ is the answer to the human heart! Please remember. Think about it tonight."

Seconds later, Rasheed found himself outside the door under a sky that was heavily laden now with dark clouds. He headed for Manger Square, every dream shattered. What had happened to his carefully laid reasoning and arguments, anyhow? What was there about the claims of Jesus Christ that so gripped Salome's heart?

Of course the man Jesus was a prophet. A great prophet! But divine? Never! Not even the greatest prophet, Mohammed, claimed divinity!

Rasheed stood by the silver star as a statue might stand—rigid and utterly without expression. Throughout the following hours he heard, and did not hear the various Christmas messages. Catholic, Greek and Armenian priests came and went with their followers. And at last there was a group of people—some from America, some from Europe and a handful from Israel—who came with a quiet minister for their service. It was the latter who sparked Rasheed's interest and caused him to listen to hear of a babe who was wrapped in grave clothes at His birth.

When the group left, a young Jewish man touched Rasheed's sleeve. "You are Arab," he said. "I am Jewish. But the Saviour loves us both alike. He will do for you exactly what He has done for me, if you will open your heart and invite Him inside."

Rasheed was genuinely touched, and yet he was bristling. "And if I don't?"

The young Jew smiled faintly. "The Lord Jesus is a gentleman. He will never force His way into a person's heart, but if you'll ask Him, you'll find Him just outside waiting! Try Him!"

They were gone. Rasheed found himself alone. Words returned to haunt him. Try Him. *Try Jesus!* The world has failed to satisfy the heart. Mohammed has failed. Admit it, Rasheed! *Try Jesus Christ!*

"Hark the herald angels sing! Glory to the newborn King!"

And there, alone by the silver star, Rasheed Jalal knelt and surrendered his heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. No trumpets sounded. No heavenly messengers came to congratulate him. Even the carolers were silent. And yet there entered into his heart a joy and a peace he had never known. Rasheed knew beyond a doubt that salvation was his!

There was a movement at his side and he glanced up quickly, smiling. It was a tall, leathery skinned man in uniform. Beads of glistening moisture covered him and the hand that touched Rasheed was like ice.

"Daoud!" Rasheed cried, laughing. "I'm glad you're here to relieve me, but—why, you're freezing!"

Daoud nodded slightly. "The night is very cold. A steady drizzle has been falling for more than five hours."

Rasheed consulted his watch. "I was listening to the carolers and didn't think about the time *or* the weather!"

A puzzled look entered Daoud's eyes. "The carolers?"

"Of course! The ones who were singing in Manger Square—" Rasheed broke off, confused.

Daoud laughed shortly. "I told you, the weather is cold and rainy! *There haven't been any carolers in the square tonight!*" ●

CHILDREN GO TO CHURCH

By BILL WOOTEN











IN OUR PUBLIC schools, Sunday Schools and Bible Schools, we would not put our children in the same class with adults. However, all too often we expect our boys and girls to understand the real meaning of worship in an adult service.

Here in the National Church of God, Washington, D. C., we are striving to teach our children how to worship God as Pentecostal Christians. We must never take for granted that our children will understand and accept our way of worship and our idea of Spirit-filled living by merely being in church with us. Even though they are in church, in many cases they are day dreaming, looking at pictures and marking on paper as the most impressionable years of their lives pass by. Our children must be trained in this Pentecostal way.

Children's Church is a vital part of our youth program. One of the most important task in our Children's Church is to lead the children to a personal acquaintance with Christ. Each child is taught the simple plan of salvation as it is revealed in Acts 16:31, Luke 13:3, 1 John 1:9, and Romans 10:9. The children are encouraged to memorize these Scriptures. When the child has memorized the scriptures, he is awarded a Bible by the pastor.

After the children accept Christ, they are trained to use these scriptures to witness to others. During the training session they have an opportunity to see a demonstration illustrating the method to use in telling others about Christ. They also have an opportunity to participate in these demonstrations.

We are already seeing the benefits of this training. Some of our boys and girls have been bringing to church other boys and girls that they themselves have won to Christ by practicing what they have learned.

Another important part of Children's Church is teaching the child the real meaning of worship. We train them to worship through prayer, praise, song, testimony, tithes and offerings. We take the time to explain to each of them these methods of worship used in our church. There are many ways in which this can be taught, but we have found that LEARNING BY DOING is by far the most effective.

Interest in praying is stimulated by allowing the children to give in their own request. These request consist of such things as sick pets, hurt fingers or bad colds or any other need that is important to the child.

Each child is given an opportunity to give in the morning offering and to put his tithes in his own personal tithing envelope. If the child can not fill out the envelope, he receives assistance from one of the adult workers. An effort is made to show that tithing belongs to God and that our offering is our gift. The meaning of tithing is stressed in many ways such as using ten pennies to demonstrate how much belongs to God.

After a short worship service prepared on the child's level, he then attends a Christian education training session where he learns many more things about God. The materials and methods used in these classes are designed to stimulate the child's interest in learning about God and service to Him. Here the child not only sees and hears but he becomes active in the learning process.

A recent survey shows that American churches are losing four out of five of their youth. The Bible says to train them and they will not depart from God. Could it be that we have failed in some areas to properly train our youth? Children's Church is only one answer to training our youth. However, it is a great opportunity. It is not enough to send them to the basement to be kept out of the adult worship service. Each child must be a part of a program on his level of understanding that will capture his attention. We believe that the child must first of all accept Christ. Then he must be taught how we as Pentecostal's worship and why we worship as we do according to God's Word. It is only when they receive this training that we can expect to hold them for God. ●

By DONALD S. AULTMAN
Assistant National Sunday School and Youth Director

SOUNDS of DALLAS

IT'S AUGUST 16, 1962. The place is Memphis, Tennessee—YOUTH NIGHT at the Church of God General Assembly. The house lights darken at 7:30 and a spotlight shines front and center. The Parade of Champions is on! This parade actually began in the Balinese Room of the Claridge Hotel where hundreds gathered daily to cheer their favorites in the talent competition. Unforgettable presentations marked the exciting runoffs but the crowning moments came when these champions stepped on stage at Ellis Auditorium to thrill thousands with their magnificent performances.

This year the setting will be changed and past champions will be watching from the wings; but when our new state champions begin to unveil their talents at Hotel Adolphus in Dallas, the air will again seethe with excitement. The judges will choose five winners and Youth Night at Dallas Memorial Auditorium will set the stage for another Parade of Champions.

We'll probably "discover" more brilliant pianists, like Charles Novell of Virginia; a talented vocalist, like Mary Ann Orndorff of Arizona; a spirited youth choir like the girls' chorus from Soddy, Tennessee; or a personable youth song leader like Billy Roberts of Florida.

We feel that these moments in Dallas should be preserved. So the Youth Department will record the Parade of Champions and produce a long play album entitled "Sounds of Dallas." Featured on the recording will be the national champions, outstanding state champions, the musical production of our Youth Night Choir, and other General Assembly talent. The recording will be "live" with audience reaction.

This year the competition will be expanded to include the following categories:

Vocal Solo
Vocal Group
Song Leading
Instrumental
Choir

There is one change in rules. Each contestant must be between the ages of 13 and 19 at sometime between September 1, 1962 and August 30, 1964. If one is now or will have been in the teen-age group at any time during this two-year period, he will be eligible to enter the national championship. This age limit includes all choir members. It does not apply to accompanists.

A brochure describing the Teen Talent Parade rules for competition will be mailed on request from the National Sunday School and Youth Department or one of our state offices.

God wants you and your talent. The church needs you and your talent. We launch this talent search with the conviction that many hundreds of Church of God teens who have unusual musical ability will want to use that talent in glorifying Him who placed a song in our heart. ●



Hundreds of teen-agers attended the Teen Talent Parade runoffs, General Assembly, 1962

A Story for Children

The Shabby Angel

By NEAL CURTIS

IT ALL BEGAN when Harold's mother stepped back to admire the Christmas tree.

"Mmmmmm, our tree is pretty, Mother said, as Harold hung the last pieces of silver tinsel on the lowest branch.

"Dad will be surprised when he sees what we have done," said Harold. It was the first time Harold had helped trim the Christmas tree. He thought it had been lots of fun.

"Is the tree standing straight in the stand?" Harold asked.

"Yes, it's standing just fine, but something seems to be missing," said Mother, frowning a bit.

Harold stood beside Mother, and looked at the glittering, beautiful



tree. "Oh, I know what is missing! We forgot about the pretty white and gold angel! The tree will be just perfect when our Christmas angel stands on the top." Harold started looking for the pretty ornament.

"Yes, that is just what is wrong with the Christmas tree," Mother agreed. "We must find our little angel! Now, where can it be?"

Harold and Mother looked through all of the boxes on the floor. Harold even crawled around the room on his hands and knees. He looked beneath the sofa and under every chair. It was no use. The pretty white and gold angel wasn't to be found.

"This is terrible," Mother said, as she looked at the clock. "Oh, my! It is too late to go to the store and buy a new angel. In just a few hours, it will be Christmas Eve!"

Harold didn't want a new angel. He loved the shabby old angel they had. One of the cloth wings was loose but that made no difference. Harold got down on the floor and looked beneath the sofa again.

"I will keep looking until I find our angel," Harold told Mother. "Angels don't get lost—I read all about them in Sunday school."

"Real angels don't get lost, but you must remember that our angel is only a statue," said Mother. "God watches out for real angels just as He watches over us."

"But this is the night of the birthday of Jesus, and I am sure that every angel—even toy angels like ours—will want to celebrate Christmas," said Harold. He kept right on looking. He was sure the Christmas tree angel wasn't really lost.

Harold saw his father, walking toward the house. Harold hurried to open the door.

"Merry Christmas, son!" called Harold's Dad. "Will you take this package while I hang up my coat?"

Harold took the small, plainly-wrapped package. He wondered what it was. He told his Dad about the missing white and gold toy angel.

"We looked everywhere and I am going to keep right on looking," Harold said. "I know that our little angel isn't really lost."

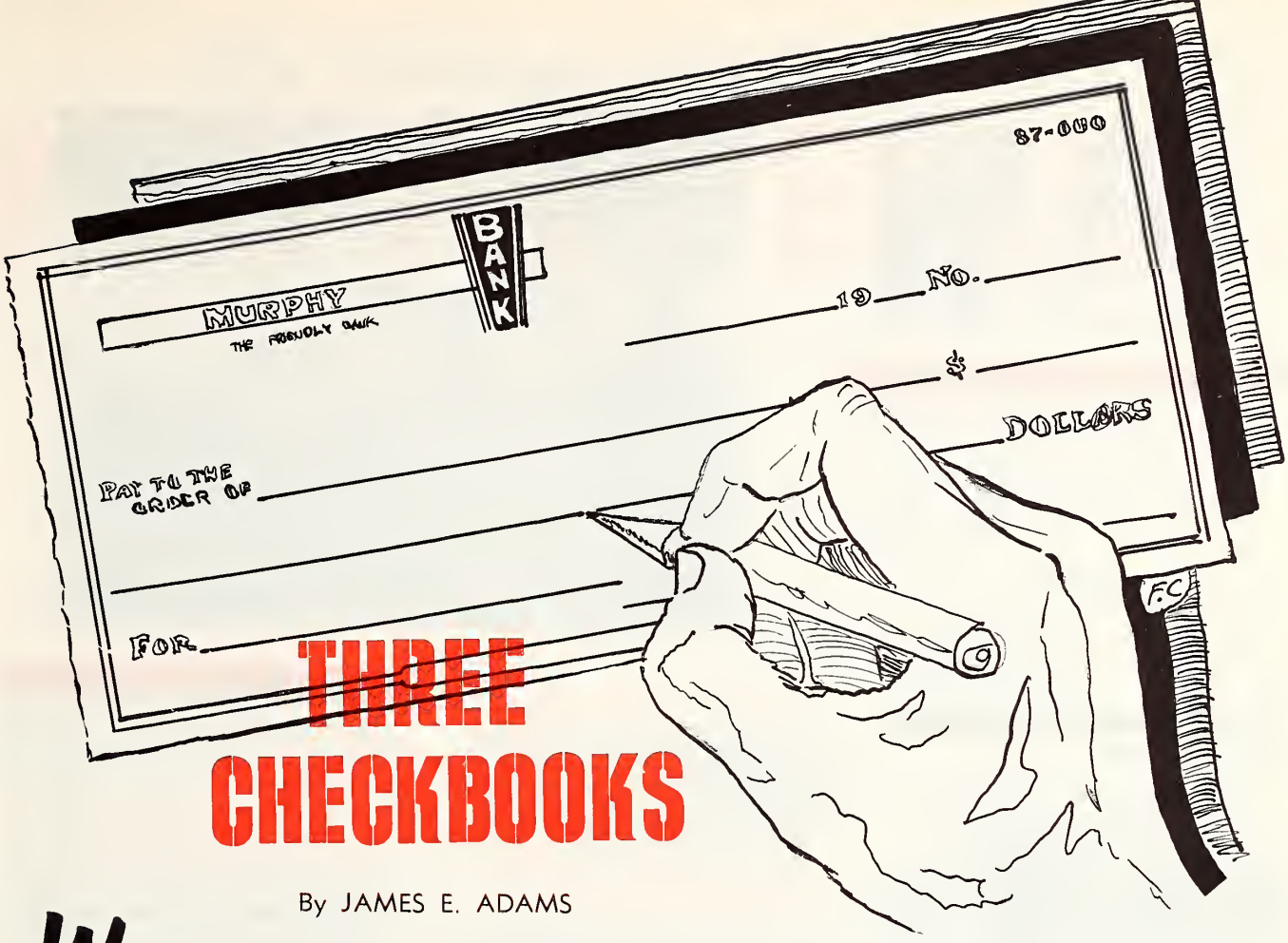
"Right you are!" said Dad. "Open that package, Harold, and see for yourself!"

Mother came into the room, as Harold unwrapped the small cardboard box. There smiling up at him from inside the box was the Christmas tree angel!

"I took our angel to the repair shop and had the man fix that loose wing," said Harold's Dad.

"Oh! Our angel has been painted, too!" exclaimed Mother, admiring the gleaming white and gold statue.

Harold just grinned, happily. He was anxious to put their pretty little angel on the top of the Christmas tree where it belonged! ●



THREE CHECKBOOKS

By JAMES E. ADAMS

WHEN A MAN applies for work, the Master never turns him down, for He is continually watching and seeking for good workers. One day He hired three men, and to each of them He presented a checkbook, saying, "Every man has the ability to be a good servant. While I expect you to be diligent and faithful, I want you to know that you can depend upon My support. Please note that the checks are signed. You need but to fill them in, and My resources will be at your disposal."

The first man put the checkbook in his pocket and departed. The second leafed through it, a faraway look in his eyes—perhaps thinking of what this would purchase. The third man held tightly to his book, as if it were almost too good to be true.

The years passed and each of these men experienced joy and sorrow, power and weakness, success and defeat. Finally, all three stood again before their Master.

The first man reached into his pocket and drew out the checkbook. "Master, I thank You for the checkbook," he said. "However, I had no need for it. We were blessed in life with a good income and good health. We wanted for nothing. I was a good church member, and attended almost every Sunday. Although I was asked on a number of occasions to teach a Sunday School class or help in church activities, I felt there were others who were more qualified than I.

"Sometimes our pastor spoke about tithing, but it seemed the needs of the church were supplied. I thought my offerings were liberal enough. I provided well for my family and was respected in my community."

There was a silence. Then the Master said, "Unprofitable servant."

In the hand of the second man was his checkbook. Some of the checks had been used. He spoke, "Master, I thank You for the checkbook. It helped me many times—in sickness, discouragement, and danger, too. I had some natural ability, so I could undertake various church duties without too much difficulty. However, in times of need it was wonderful to be able to write a check for guidance and help."

The Master said, "Good and faithful servant."

The third man was fearful. His voice trembled. "O Lord, I was so weak. Many times I was plagued by doubt and fear. I had no confidence in myself. But every time I was asked to work for You, and every time I had a need, I remembered the checks. It seems I was continually writing them. Your resources never failed. I am sorry—I have no checks to return."

"Well done, good and faithful servant," said the Master.

Which of these three servants do you resemble? It was T. L. Cuyler who said, "God does not give us ready money. He issues promisory notes, and then pays them when faith presents them at the throne." Each of us has a checkbook! ●



OCALA, FLORIDA, Y.P.E. CONTEST

These four members of the Youth People's Endeavor of the Church of God, Ocala, Florida, were the top money-raisers, out of eight, with a total of $158 for the church's window fund. Left to right are Vernon Wiggins, prince; Betty Phillips, queen; Albert Wiggin, king; and Ann Wilson, princess.

—Ramona Rowell,
Y.P.E. President



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Under the leadership of Sister Karen Hudson, the children sang wonderfully with the joy only a child can possess. The teachers and workers are to be commended for their excellent work.

We are very proud of our church and appreciate our pastor and family. The church is progressing in every department. God has given us a good shepherd.—*Vera Pannell, reporter.*

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Christiansburg, Virginia	125

NATION'S TOP TEN IN HOME DEPARTMENT ATTENDANCE

Total Monthly Attendance for September

Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina	5,121
East Gadsden, Alabama	987
Vaucluse, South Carolina	855
Fresno (Temple), California	825
Columbus (Frebis), Ohio	800
Decatur, Alabama	758
Kannapolis (Elm Street), North Carolina	703
Atlanta (Hemphill), Georgia	650
Landis, North Carolina	489
Orlando (Orange), Florida	450

TEN STATES HIGHEST IN HOME DEPARTMENTS

South Carolina	26
North Carolina	22
Michigan	19
Alabama	19
Georgia	18
Oklahoma	15
Ohio	14
Florida	14
Pennsylvania	14
West Virginia	12

REPORT OF NEW SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Branch Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1963	17
New Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1963	28
Total Sunday Schools organized since June 30, 1963	45

TEN HIGHEST CHURCHES IN NUMBER OF PERSONAL VISITS BY SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

"Souls cost soles." Enlist your Sunday School workers in systematic and regular visitation. It is the Biblical method and it's the best way to reach people for Christ and the Sunday School.

NOTE: Every Sunday School should report its visits to its State Director.

Greenville (Tremont), South Carolina	4,849
Birmingham (South Park), Alabama	1,800
Anderson (Osborne), South Carolina	1,447
Guntersville, Alabama	1,326
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	1,311
Darlington, South Carolina	1,128
Crumbleys Chapel, Alabama	1,000
East Lumberton, North Carolina	938
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	850
Birmingham (North), Alabama	812

Young People's Endeavor

Average Weekly Attendance September, 1963

200 and Over

Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio	295
Greenville (Tremont), South Carolina	280
Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida	267
Cincinnati (Central Parkway), Ohio	250
Tifton, Georgia	244
Fairborn, Ohio	225
Jacksonville (Steele Street), Florida	204
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio	202

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Mobile (Crichton), Alabama	167
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September 31, 1963

Saved ... 3,476
Sanctified ... 1,553
Filled with Holy Ghost ... 1,158
Added to the Church ... 1,061

Since June 30, 1963

Saved ... 10,340
Sanctified ... 4,878
Filled with Holy Ghost ... 4,240
Added to the Church ... 2,550

NOTICE

The Tennessee State Office has notified us that they should have listed Short Mountain, Tennessee, as having 86 in Sunday School for the month of June.

NOTICE

The Church of God at Jacksonville (Springfield), Florida, has reported their weekly Sunday School attendance to the National Sunday School and Youth Office as follows:

May ... 503
June ... 454
July ... 468
August ... 448

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Greenville (Tremont Avenue), South Carolina ... 846
Middletown (Clayton), Ohio ... 619
Cleveland (North), Tennessee ... 559
Dayton (East Fourth), Ohio ... 515

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Sundoy School (if separate bldg.)	☐	☐				
Parsonage	☐	☐				
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Contents of dwelling	$	☐	$

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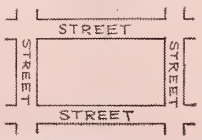
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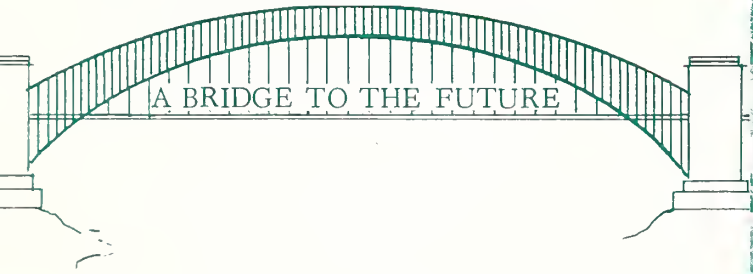
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